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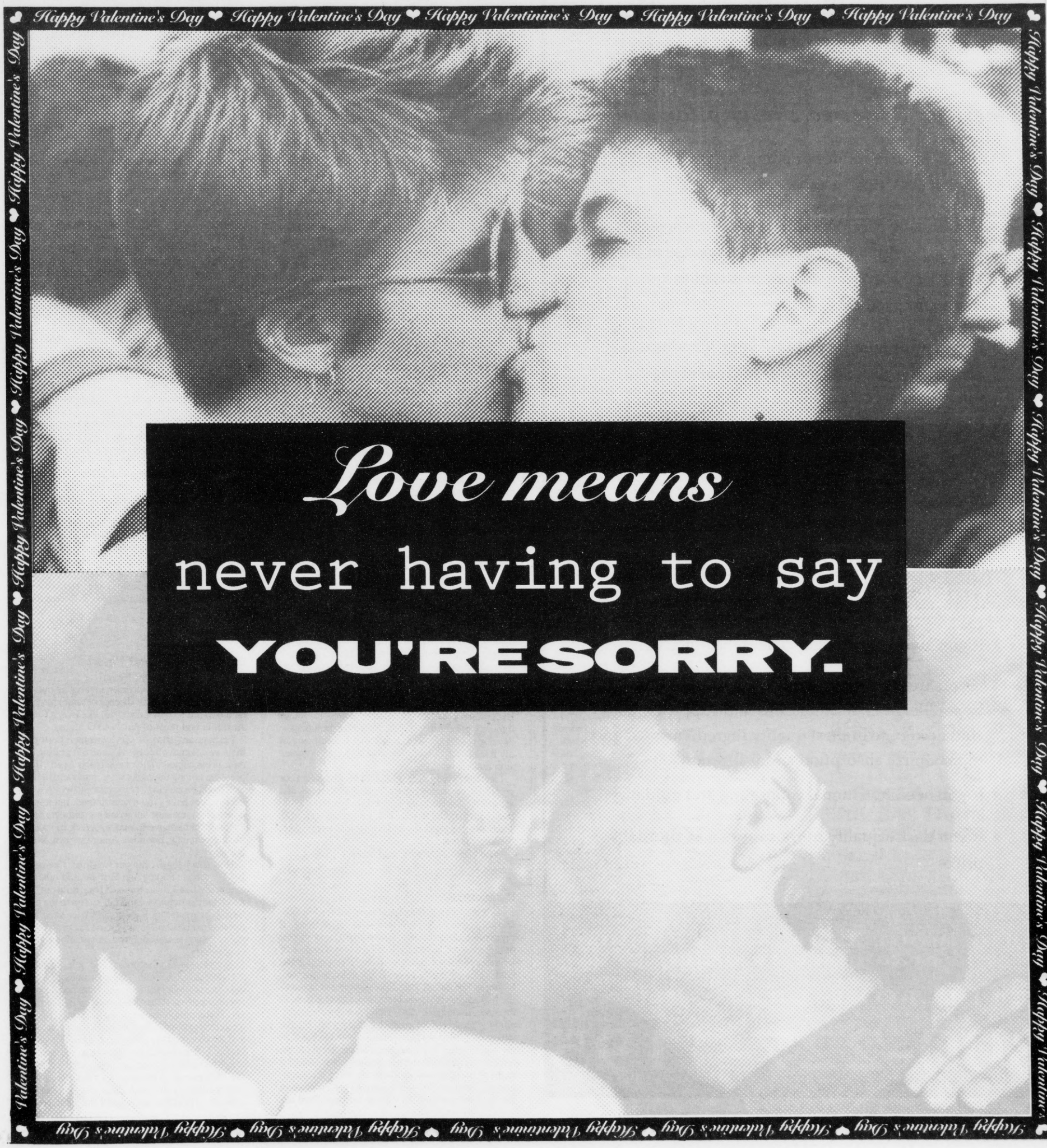

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Assimilationist Frenzy

Recent efforts to lift the ban on lesbian and gay participation in the military are misguided. Even the most seasoned among us seem caught up in an assimilationist frenzy to avoid discussion of what the military is actually *for*.

Pronouncements like Tommi Avicolli Mecca's "bottom line" ("Going Ballistic: Hysteria Over Clinton's Lifting of Gay Ban Increases," *SF Bay Times*, Jan.28) obscure rather than illuminate. Perhaps queers should refocus their energies to extend the ban so that it covers as many classes of people as possible. When only white, married men over 30 who are in the highest income brackets are allowed to serve, a semblance of logic will finally prevail over our foreign policy adventures. After all, that is the constituency for whom our wars are fought.

Jorge I. Cortinas
San Francisco

Thankful to Bill

The following letter was sent to President Bill Clinton:

Never before have I written to our president. I am doing this now to let you know how thankful I am for your efforts to end continuing discrimination against gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens by our armed forces. Regardless of the anger directed at you by some of our citizens, media personnel, members of Congress or the Joint Chiefs, I want you to know how personally grateful I am for your help in bringing these issues into national awareness and open discussion.

During the Vietnam War I "checked the box" when the armed forces called me for induction. I agonized over this decision, in part because of my concerns about the righteousness of the war, and my fears about a 1-Y classification. As a PWA, I also felt the dilemma of disclosing my HIV status because of my fear of the opprobrium that AIDS may trigger in others, and my physical vulnerability because of my health. During your election campaign, I empathized with your dilemma about the war and the draft. I support and encourage you to continue to say and act your truth, however angering and fearful this may be to others.

My father and I have hardly communicated the last 25 years because of his anger over my being out of the closet. He did not want to hear what he already knew, but cannot face. I believe the outrage directed at you and at self-identified gays, lesbians and bisexuals defines the fear some citizens feel, especially men like my father, over the loss of control and power they imagine they have, and over their own vulnerability. Adult grown-ups can be very threatening to adult children who have never grown up.

Many men and women I know have been able to explore their revulsion at, terror of, and abusiveness toward: gays, lesbians and bisexuals; assertive women; children; Blacks; Hispanics; Eurasians and other ethnic minorities; disabled persons; aging, elderly or infirm individuals; PWAs; anyone they perceive as different or weak. Many of our greatest leaders have addressed similar issues for other minority groups in the past. However the situation develops, I want you to know that I, and many of my friends, admire you for your courage, compassion and vision.

I feel overwhelmingly graced to be alive when our president, and many others, continues to speak and act to end discrimination based on sexual orientation. I am thankful to you, Bill, for saying your truth and taking the stand my dad is unable to say or take, for me, his son.

With great admiration and respect. Vic Rosov
San Francisco

Paradoxical

As a lesbian who has spent most of her life confronting the U.S. military and everything it represents (aggressive colonialism and brutal domination of sovereign nations, exploitation of women, people of color, working class people, the environment, etc.), as well as fighting for lesbian/gay liberation, I find the current debate over the ban against lesbians and gays in the military to be a tad paradoxical. I'm writing this letter because, while pages of both mainstream and alternative papers are filled with arguments over the issue of the "gay ban," the discussion never seems to go beyond the simple issue of discrimination. And for many of us who have been actively involved in connecting struggles for social justice (e.g., liberation for lesbians and gays as well as for oppressed nations), this issue is not so simple.

Of course, any discrimination against lesbians/gay men must be vehemently opposed. Since gays and lesbians face severe persecution in the U.S. military, and since many people, including queers, join the military as their only option in the United States for education and financial security, it is of extreme importance that the gay ban be abolished. However, at the same time that we are letting the powers that be and mainstream society know we will not accept discrimination, I want to encourage everyone to also voice the need for other changes in U.S. military policy. Changes such as: the creation of alternative job and education opportunities for the young people of color and the working class who join the military because there are *not* other options; diverting the massive military budget to desperately needed social service programs (including AIDS research, health care, public education, affordable housing); abolishing the ideology of U.S. militarism which allows U.S. forces to invade, bomb, destroy, exploit and otherwise wreak havoc on other nations and their people (e.g., Vietnam, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Grenada, Panama, Iraq, Cuba, Puerto Rico, sovereign Indigenous Nations) just to give you an idea. It's not new news that the U.S. military has been responsible for an inordinate among of oppression and repression around the globe. Maybe we should be campaigning to expand the ban to heterosexuals!

U.S. military policies don't serve our interests—ending homophobia, racism, sexism, imperialist exploitation. In fact, they do the opposite, propagating injustice on many levels. Keep in mind that a large percentage of the money we're supposed to send to the IRS in April goes to the military instead of where it's needed in our society, in our communities. Consider becoming conscientious objectors/tax resisters as another way of voicing opposition to unfair military practices! Contact Northern California War Tax Resistance, PO Box 2422, Berkeley 94702-0422; (510) 843-9877.

Vikki Dow
San Francisco

A Pacifist's Point

I've been following the debate on finally (legally) allowing homosexuals in the U.S. armed forces. I may be a lone voice in the gale, but I'm not in favor of homosexuals in the Army. I also think we should exclude women from the Army. And I don't think we should allow Latinos, Blacks or Asian Americans into the military. I'm opposed to Jews and Catholics in the armed forces. I'm opposed to Native Americans, Puerto Ricans and WASPs in the military.

My point is, I'm a pacifist. I cannot support any individual or group being allowed to join an organization so they can kill people. Maybe if gay men and lesbians urged the president to prevent us from being in the military, then other groups would join the bandwagon (or, conversely, maybe the right-wing would insist on putting gays in the front line).

Scooter
San Francisco

Gays in the Military? Never!

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Gay and straight servicemen squabbling over each other's erections (and/or absence of same) has crippled the armed forces of countries like Israel, Canada, Australia and most of our NATO allies.

Lesbian and straight servicewomen performing their own duties while at the same time filling in for their preoccupied male counterparts in an effort to preserve among the ranks some semblance of cohesion might be the kind of experience to which women everywhere have grown accustomed, but it would, nonetheless, exhaust our women in uniform beyond the point of human endurance, wreck morale and, most importantly, humiliate American men. We cannot allow it.

How much longer can our two lone, like-minded NATO allies, Turkey and Britain, and other sane countries, like Libya, Iran and Iraq, hold out? How much longer before we too fall victim to the persistent, ever-mounting pressure being exerted by the international conspiracy to secure for gays "special rights," such as freedom from persecution and equal opportunity?

America is fast becoming the sole bastion for "traditional" Christian "family values." We must continue to shelter the innocent from heathens, calling themselves Americans, whose evil influence serves the unholy cause of maintaining separation of church and state. Decent Americans must insist, and see to it, that the instrument of our defense, and that of the free world, not falter in its tireless, ongoing, $50 million a year campaign to cleanse itself. We must prevail in the quest for a dyke-free, faggot-free military, both for our own sake and that of our children. (Besides, how could the Pentagon ever

hope to wrest its customary $300 billion a year from the pockets of the American taxpayer, were it to permit the mightiest force in the history of mankind to be paralyzed by queers?)

Gays in the military? Never!

Leon Duych
San Francisco

Dog and Pony Show

I am absolutely in awe and amazement at the caliber of scientific talent enumerated in Tim Kingston's article ("Coppola's Kids," *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 28). Martin Delaney of Project Inform has once again proven his ability to "rise from the ashes." He has orchestrated one of the greatest "dog and pony shows" in scientific history.

There is little question that the solution to AIDS is close at hand now that the "greatest" scientists in AIDS research have gotten together for a meeting. They didn't just have a meeting; it was a "Think Tank" at Francis Ford Coppola's plush private estate in Napa Valley.

If it weren't for Martin, none of these people would have had the smarts to get together and solve the AIDS problem. Of course, these are the same "great" scientists who have been searching for a safe, effective and nontoxic AIDS treatment for ten years; the same scientists who lost the war on cancer The net result of their brilliance has been 160,000 dead in the United States, 15,000 dead in San Francisco, and hundreds of thousands in the process of dying.

Throughout this great land of ours there are thousands of lay treatment activists who are trying and succeeding with limited funds and no scientific training in keeping their brothers and sisters alive. Even these meager efforts are under constant scrutiny and harassment by the FDA and ridicule by the establishment scientists. There are scores of doctors who are risking their professional careers by treating HIV-positive individuals with unapproved treatments because they believe in the oath they took when they became doctors.

AIDS research for the last 12 years has been driven by publicity hyperbole and spin doctors. Thank you, Project Inform for continuing this practice with "30 of the world's top AIDS researchers." In the meantime, the treatment activists and risk-taking doctors will continue in their efforts to save lives. It may be a while before verbiage results in safe, effective and nontoxic AIDS treatments.

Billi Goldberg
AIDS Activist
San Francisco

Knee-Jerk Anti-Americanism

Kwezi Sembe's attack on Gene Catalano and the American "invasion" of Somalia ("Somalia—Another View," *SF Bay Times* letters, Jan. 28) is a small but telling example of what I consider to be an ongoing problem with gay politics of the left/liberal stripe.

The very people who were screaming that America was doing nothing about the starving people in Somalia while preoccupying itself with the plight of the victims of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia—and claiming this one-sided preoccupation constituted a double standard that was racist—are now whining that America's attempts to aid Somalia constitute a violation of Somalian "sovereignty." In other words, nothing the United States ever does can possibly be good or right.

This knee-jerk reaction, evidence of slovenly thinking if not outright malice, is obviously self-defeating. But it shouldn't surprise those of us who have lived around self-proclaimed victims long enough to know that what many of them want is not a solution to their problems but rather an opportunity to whine even more.

Much in the same vein is Ronnie Burk's letter about "Bush's war in the Persian Gulf—one of the biggest environmental disasters of the century." Whatever one might think of the merits of the U.N. ("Beyond the Nonsense," Jan. 28) (not just American) intervention in the Persian Gulf, it was Saddam Hussein, not Bush, who blew up the oil wells in Kuwait and caused this "environmental disaster."

Burk and Sembe think they are so radical when they twist the facts to support their knee-jerk anti-Americanism. I would suggest that Catalano is more radical than they are in his attempt to build a bridge of understanding between gay San Franciscans and straight U.S. Marines.

In this spirit I urge all Bay Area gays to lobby Congress in support of open gays in the military. Write to Senators Nunn, Dole, etc. The importance of this issue cannot be overstated. Respect for gays/queers/homosexuals is a fundamental prerequisite for an end to gay bashing as described by Louise Rafkin ("The Real World: Anatomy of a Gay-Bashing," *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 28). We cannot command the respect of society until we are deemed worthy of defending society.

I consider the gays in the military issue to be a watershed issue for gay rights in general. For once, let's not blow this one with intramural bickering and holier-than-thou politically correct posturing. We have an unfortunate habit in this community of cutting off our collective nose to spite our collective face. I am tired of hearing leaders complain about Mayor Jordan when they failed to support Mayor Agnos, a true friend of the gay community.

Other examples of self-defeating behavior, motivated by petty malicious spite, can be cited: SANOE's disruption of opening night at the opera and blockade of the Golden Gate Bridge (those San Francisco socialites and Marin County commuters are so bigoted they make the bigots of Orange County and Concord pale by comparison... Yeah, right); anemic lobbying on behalf of AB 101 followed by collective outrage when Governor Wilson failed to sign the bill ("He promised." As if that excuses us from having to support our own causes).

We have a blind spot about our own character defects. It is high time we began to address them, since it is obvious they are influencing our politics. Being politically correct may be fine, but you have to have your act together first. I don't call the epidemic in our community of attitude, malicious gossip and sabotage of our own and others' relationships having our act together. White gays can hardly be expected to treat African-American, Asian, Latino and Native American gays with respect when they don't even treat themselves and each other with respect.

We have been demanding respect for a long time. Now let's prove we are worthy of it.

Andrew Towne
San Francisco

Thanks for the Forum

Thanks for the little gem of an interview with Rhiannon by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien; also for Val C. Phoenix's piece on Seattle's music scene. I really appreciate the lesbian perspective expressed throughout your pages, and following the ongoing letters on various topics deepens my understanding of diverse experiences and viewpoints.

You are to be commended for the important part you play in our community's communication. I appreciate the fact that you're providing this forum and support you in continuing to take risks—which of course means making mistakes, learning from them and keeping on with the work.

But I do hate those underwear ads for phone sex!

Karen Anna
Haiku, HI

Celestial—Not!

The following letter was sent to Celestial Seasonings, Boulder, Colo.

We have been assured by New York Boycott Colorado (NYBC) that there is a grave misunderstanding concerning money related to the meeting in New York earlier this week. Be that as it may, it is obvious you are not willing to participate in the repeal of Amendment 2 in any way, shape or form.

You have created a company which is a safe haven for your employees. Unfortunately, not everyone can work for Celestial Seasonings. Your refusal to take a stance in the issue of repealing Amendment 2 and pushing for passage of inclusive civil rights is in itself a political statement.

Is is sad that you refuse to take a stand to assist in righting the terrible wrong done by passage of Amendment 2. You could have been the first in the business community of Colorado to stand with the group in Colorado Springs which wants to launch a new ballot initiative to repeal Amendment 2 and assure fundamental civil rights for all. You have chosen to bury your head in the sand, living in your corporate utopia and thumbing your nose at the hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians in Colorado who don't have the good fortune to work for a company like yours.

What about your recent attempt to launch a product line of environmentally safe products? Is this not evidence that you are sensitive to the environment in which we all live? Is not the political climate part of the environment? Obviously, you care more about the environment than you do people.

It appears as if a meeting with you would be a waste of time. I would suggest that instead of waking up to Morning Thunder or Red Zinger you wake up and smell the coffee, for truly, if you are not part of the solution then you are most definitely part of the problem.

David Jones
President, Boycott Colorado
Denver, CO

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Yes, those personals can work miracles! One year ago this month one of us placed an ad, and the other answered it. We had dinner and just kept on seeing each other. We wound up falling in love. We would not have met otherwise. Thanks to the *SF Bay Times* not only for your journalistic courage, but also for the chance to change our lives!

Renee and Mary-Jo
Concord

Walking in My Shoes

This is in response to a letter from Roy of San Francisco that was published in the *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 28 ("Change the Old Ways?"). In his letter, Roy (last name unknown) critiqued a letter I had written ("Old Ways Crumble," *SF Bay Times*, Jan. 14) that discussed the "Year of the Queer" parade theme for 1993 and the hoopla surrounding it.

Roy, you state that this was the first letter you had ever sent to a newspaper and that you sent it because you were so irate at my concerns and ideas about the term "queer" itself. Before you decide to send a second letter, you should enroll in a comprehension class or get the prescription filled for your eyeglasses. You stated that I feel "Year of the Queer" is a great theme; but I never said that, and you continue to miss the whole point of my letter.

I was addressing the fact that most of the community was sitting idly back while the decision was made, and found it much easier to simply bitch and moan at the outcome rather than become actively involved in the decision-making process.

An important issue that has come out of this heated debate is the need for a balance in the political structure within the gay community. People like Roy feel you need to have experienced what they have in order to be credible. I wish I could have been at Stonewall or here in San Francisco for the demonstrations and upheaval that followed the Harvey Milk verdict. I admire and respect all those who were there and were able to become part of those very important periods in gay history. These events changed the course of our lives, making it easier for those who followed.

But don't you dare, Roy, have the gall to tell me I need to walk in the shoes of the old ways. My shoes took me to two hospitals today, as they have many times before, so I could take care of and say goodbye to a few wonderful and loving friends. That is only one of the paths my shoes take almost every day. Age and worn-out soles doesn't give you the sole rights to pain and knowledge. They are both obtained through intensity of experience along with the maturity to learn and better yourself through that pain—no matter what your age. Your condescending nature is insulting and self-serving.

Finally, Roy, when you mention that the dictionary defines queer as slang for homosexual, odd, strange, slightly ill, different from what is usual, you make the generalization that we aren't any of those things. Where did you grow up? I grew up in a very large and very Catholic family and, believe me, I felt every one of those things and plenty more. In fact I felt death was a real alternative to my homosexuality. And I did cry and cringe when someone called me a fag or queer or fairy. But I learned that that is what I was and it was perfectly normal. It taught me to be strong and independent and to strive for happiness and health and acceptance at all costs. So now when someone calls me queer, I smile and state with great pride: "Yes I am!"

But according to you, Roy, my shoes need a few more miles to reach the level of respect you have achieved. No thanks. My feet hurt a little too much lately. But I am willing and able to stand up and confront any obstacles or prejudices that lie ahead, even when they come from the gay community itself.

In closing I would like to change one thing I stated in my last letter. I had mentioned that if you don't want to come to the parade, then don't. Rather, we should all be there. It is a very important and wonderful day. If you don't like the theme this year then decide on one that best suits you and put it on a banner and stand proud under it.

And, by the way, I will sign my full name to this letter, Roy, unlike you, with shitloads of queer pride!

Brian Procknal
San Francisco

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Progressives on the Offensive Against Jordan—Finally

by Tim Kingston

For the first time in years, the leadership of virtually all San Francisco's fractured progressive political communities gathered together under the same roof to talk about coalition building. And for the first time in years, there was no blood on the walls afterward. Gay/lesbian/bisexual, Latino, African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander and other progressive and people-of-color community leaders have stopped screaming at each other and are actually starting to act like they have a shared agenda.

The spark prompting this new-found unity is debate over who will be the new occupant of Roberta Achtenberg's seat on the Board of Supervisors: Will Mayor Jordan appoint yet another goddaughter of his own "moderate" political stripe—be they Black, brown or white? Or will he honor the voters who put Achtenberg in office by appointing a progressive from the various communities now lobbying the Mayor?

On Feb. 3, the day after the Clinton administration officially tapped Achtenberg for an assistant secretary's post at HUD, Achtenberg called a community meeting to discuss the pending supervisorial vacancy. Over 150 activists from the gay, lesbian, Latino, African-American and Asian communities, as well as health care activists, trade unionists, environmentalists and other progressives, gathered at Kassman's Pianos to strategize.

Gwen Craig, of LAGADDA (Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action), says, "It seems like a real revitalization of the old progressive coalition that used to exist. That in itself was fabulous."

The next day Achtenberg marched into the Mayor's office with a letter that demanded Jordan appoint a progressive to fill the seat. The letter also demanded Jordan not name a successor until Achtenberg is approved by Congress and resigns—a process that will take four to six weeks. Achtenberg warned Jordan any announcement of prospective candidates prior to her confirmation shall be viewed as a "gesture of disrespect," both to herself and to the lesbian/gay community.

On Feb. 5, Latino activists organized a press rally on the steps of City Hall, demanding that a Latino progressive be appointed to Achtenberg's seat. Gays and lesbians were an integral part of the speak-out, represented by Carmen Chavez of LLEGO, a progressive gay/lesbian Latino group. The Latino contingent pointed out that their community comprises 20 percent of the City's population and has no representation on the board since the departure of Jim Gonzalez.

The rally was also joined and supported by many of those at the Feb. 3 meeting, including Rev. Cecil Williams, Supervisor Achtenberg, gay lesbian health coordinator Carmen Vasquez and Barbara Nabors-Glass, a low-income rights activist. Supervisors Kevin Shelley and Terence Hallinan were also present at the gathering.

Since Jordan's election, progressives have been in "shell shock," said Rose Pak, a Chinatown activist, at the Feb. 3 meeting. But after months of inaction, progressives are in a feisty mood.

"I want to talk about being nasty to the Mayor," declared Supervisor Sue Bierman. She addressed the group as if speaking to Jordan: "Do you want us to recall your goddaughter?" Then she asked, "Does the board have the guts to go after the Mayor's budget?... If [Jordan] does not do what we want, [he] will have unmitigated hell for the next nine months to a year."

One City Hall source commented, "We are hoping this will revitalize the progressive community and create some form of retribution should he fail to appoint a progressive as we expect him to."

Achtenberg's meeting was a powerhouse of progressive activists and leaders. Ex-supervisor Jim Gonzalez was there, as were former Human Rights Commissioner Lenore Chinn, Carmen Vasquez, longtime community activist Espanola Jackson, president of the Latino Democratic Club Lori Giorgi, Jack Gribbon of Local 2, Russel Kassman of Kassman Pianos and veteran African-American activist Geraldine Johnson. Also present were Eileen Hansen of the National Lawyers Guild's AIDS Network, Kerrington Osborne and Gwen Craig of LAGADDA, the presidents of all three gay/lesbian/bisexual democratic clubs, Roma Guy of the Woman's Building, and Bang Nguyen and M.J. Talbot of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, among others.

Photos by Jane Philomen Cleland

"What Frank Jordan has to gain is what he can avoid losing," said Achtenberg—summing up the mood of the evening. "Maybe he can make a short-term gain by choosing a conservative Latino or a conservative gay and imagine that would defuse the pressure. But that would be a mistake politically... Does he want a short-term gain with a long-term debt, or will he pass on this one? He could protect his mayoralty by honoring the demand that I be replaced by a progressive."

FRANK'S WILD BOYS: THE TWO JACKS' BRUSH-OFF

This is not how the Mayor's allies see it. Neither Jack Davis, the political hired gun who engineered Jordan's election, nor Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jack Immendorf—two of the Mayor's closest advisors—are particularly impressed by the saber-rattling from the left. Davis says, "My advice to the Mayor would be not to pay much attention, but to get on with his agenda of getting a group of people working together on the board, to work on the policies he campaigned for."

Davis asserts that demands for a progressive successor to Achtenberg are illegitimate. He says when Jim Gonzalez was appointed to replace Quentin Kopp, who went to Sacramento, San Francisco conservatives lost their representation. Davis says he never heard any complaints about that from progressives. "I find it amusing there should be an outcry," says Davis. "It is nothing more than pure power politics."

Immendorf agrees, and says, "It is the Mayor's seat." But Immendorf also acknowledges that the lobbying for Achtenberg's seat has been particularly intense, with a clear direction: "The message was, they wanted a more liberal-type person, more inclined to carry out Roberta's wishes."

But both Davis and Immendorf indirectly argue that the primary selection criteria is that the new supervisor share the Mayor's political agenda—and that they be electable.

The Mayor, however, remains mum on the issue, refusing comment whenever asked. At Achtenberg's Feb. 2 official announcement of her appointment, Jordan limited himself by saying he has been lobbied by "hundreds," including many in the gay, Latino and African-American communities, neighborhood groups and the so-called "business community."

THE PUNCHLINE IS ALL IN THE TIMING

Although Achtenberg and the new progressive coalition want Jordan to hold off on making any announcement—which, among other things, will give progressive forces time to organize, the announcement of her successor is likely to come out of the Mayor's office sooner rather than later. Immendorf expects the announcement within a couple of weeks. Steve Kline, president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, says mayoral aide Jean Harris told a group of gay activists on Feb. 3 that Jordan is under intense pressure from his advisors to make an immediate decision.

Jordan's advisors are already reputed to be urging a swift appointment to head off the gathering groundswell of opposition. Even though such a move might take the lobbying pressure off Jordan in the short term, it may be his ultimate undoing.

"From a strictly partisan point of view he can appoint someone who will vote his way and win [a majority on] the board," says pollster and political analyst David Binder. "If Jordan does that he can change his image from a blubbering fool to a proactive leader. But if he does [appoint a conservative], he risks inflaming the progressives so much that they will make his life miserable for rest of the term, and field a candidate that could defeat him" in 1995.

While everyone contacted reluctantly agreed that Jordan can do whatever he wants with the vacant position, they note he is already in the hot

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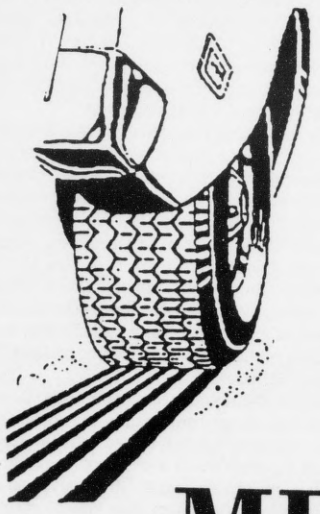
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seat with the lesbian/gay, African-American and Latino communities. Binder says one way around the impasse would be for Jordan to appoint someone who satisfies one group, but not the other—thus splitting the opposition. "Presumably, Jordan will appoint someone who is gay or lesbian or Latino—who will support the Mayor— and that will douse the flames. But I don't know if that is possible."

Binder also believes, oddly enough, that the *least* partisan thing Jordan could do is appoint a progressive supervisor. He says that could unite the City and fulfill Jordan's electoral promises (remember those?) to build bridges and create consensus. But, says Binder, "I am sure that there are those around the Mayor who will argue against doing that."

Based on the Mayor's track record, a "nonpartisan" progressive appointment is highly unlikely. As Geraldine Johnson asserts, "Jordan empowers himself by taking power from other groups. He adds by subtracting. He multiplies his power by dividing us."

SEEDS OF COOPERATION

The administration's divide-and-conquer tactics are familiar to Ken McPherson, a community activist best known for his work on the Boy Scouts issue. "Jordan will screw someone in this room," he announced at the Feb. 3 meeting. "We want [to plan] a specific punishment." At that, Geraldine Johnson shot up and literally spelled out that penalty to applause and cheers: "R-E-C-A-L-L."

While yelling "RECALL" in a crowded room is fun, and certainly got the assembled progressives' juices going, conventional wisdom is that recall campaigns are impossible to win. Indeed, in some cases they can even strengthen the hand of those targeted for recall. "Every time a recall campaign is mentioned, it has been defeated," says a confident Davis. "I would anticipate that history would be repeated."

Some believe the threat of a recall may be more a barometer of anti-Jordan sentiment than an actual indication that a political campaign is getting underway. But Supervisor Terence Hallinan thinks there may be more to it this time. He had previously opposed the recall against then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein because "she was not out of sync with the City." But "with this present Mayor," says Hallinan, "you might have a different situation." Saying he has an open mind on a recall, Hallinan carefully opined, "A recall is not really the way to do it. But on the other hand, can the City survive three more years of this guy?"

Kerrington Osborne of LAGADDA says, "I frankly think people are very serious about the recall thing," emphasizing that the African-American community, in particular, is outraged by Jordan's failure to appoint Blacks to City posts. He says, "This time it is totally different from the Feinstein recall, because Frank is Mayor Magoo."

While the loudest noises at Achtenberg's meeting were about a recall, the most exciting development of the evening was cooperation. "The key thing is that people are talking, and the trust between various communities is being built and rebuilt," says Steve Kline of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club. "It will not happen on one 'feel-good' meeting with Roberta Achtenberg, but the critical thing is to keep the process going."

At the meeting, ex-Supervisor Jim Gonzalez argued that Jordan must be forced to define what his criteria are for a supervisor—in the same way Mayor Dianne Feinstein was forced to before she appointed Harry Britt.

The Latino and the gay/lesbian communities are currently the most vocal political voices regarding Achtenberg's replacement on the Board of Supervisors. And a combination of criteria from both communities would put a gay/lesbian Latino/Latina in the position of being a plausible choice. But neither community is expecting Jordan to respond accordingly.

Suspecting the worst, several strategies are being bandied about as possible countermoves to Jordan's anticipated appointment. Craig suggests battling the Mayor over the high cost of his staffers. Another, a City Hall source, hinted darkly that "plans are afoot for some heavy-duty intimidation tactics," but would not speak further about what nightmarish strategies are being cooked up. The Rev. Cecil Williams and Steve Kline both suggested it is time to bring the heavy artillery to bear upon Jordan: Willie Brown and Nancy Pelosi were two names that came to mind immediately.

Williams also suggested Jack Davis and Jack Immendorf be targeted for a fax and phone barrage too. Matthew Rothschild, president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, suggests planning get under way *now* to start organizing a strong five-person progressive slate to oppose Jordan in 1995 and his proteges in 1994.

Ann McCoy of the Bay Area Nonpartisan Alliance says, "Everyone is disappointed on every issue: crime, cleanliness in the streets, the Bank of America veto. Hopefully this last action, if he does appoint a conservative, will ignite a huge coalition of San Francisco communities."

REALITY CHECK

For all the talk of newfound progressive unity, potential fault lines and fractures lurk. And if nothing else, Jordan and his cronies know how to exploit divisions between the gay/lesbian, Latino and African-American communities. As Gerard Koskovich so delicately puts it, "The danger of identity politics is that Jordan will look in every closet and under every bush for the biggest Nazi he can find" to replace Achtenberg.

The most likely candidate will be a minority, says McCoy. "That minority will be another conservative, another Clarence Thomas." Many names have been floated, but few of the suggestions coming out of City Hall are even remotely progressive. And if one of those moderate/conservatives of color is chosen, the choice is likely to fracture Jordan's opposition bloc.

There is also the question of whether Achtenberg's slot is strictly a gay/lesbian seat or a progressive seat. (Remember J. Edgar Hoover was gay; so was Roy Cohn.) Toklas' Rothschild says he wants someone with Roberta Achtenberg's philosophy, and says it would be "terrific" if Jordan appoints a gay or lesbian Latino or Latina, but adds, "I personally believe it should be a gay man." When Rothschild listed his favorite candidates, all were well-qualified, and all were gay white men. If any one of them is chosen, it is likely the Latino, African-American and Asian communities will be less than overjoyed.

Supervisor Carole Migden is also adamant that the seat go to a gay or lesbian, period. "Overarchingly, the single message is that this is a gay seat and it must stay in the community." She argues that it must be filled by someone sensitive to health and AIDS issues, and ideally a person of color or a progressive. But she thinks this is unlikely. When asked about the progressive coalition that is coming together, Migden curtly noted the coalition is moving forward only "because it is coming out of the hide of the gay community."

LAGADDA's Osborne is willing to support a progressive but, he says, the challenge will be to critique why the standard-bearers of the left always seem to be white. "Personally, I hope it is a progressive Latina or Latino. I think that will do more for this coalition than people realize."

The opposition to Jordan encompasses dozens of groups and communities. It includes people who've opposed Jordan's BofA veto and ballpark shenanigans. It includes neighborhood activists. Jordan's opposition now also includes the Police Officers' Association as a result of Police Chief Ribera's attack on the sacred four-day ten-hour shift.

With such a broad range of focal points and opinions, any anti-Jordan coalition risks internal collapse. The question is, will widespread dissatisfaction with Jordan create a strong-enough glue to hold the coalition together? Or will communal demands and desires rip progressive political unity asunder? ✿

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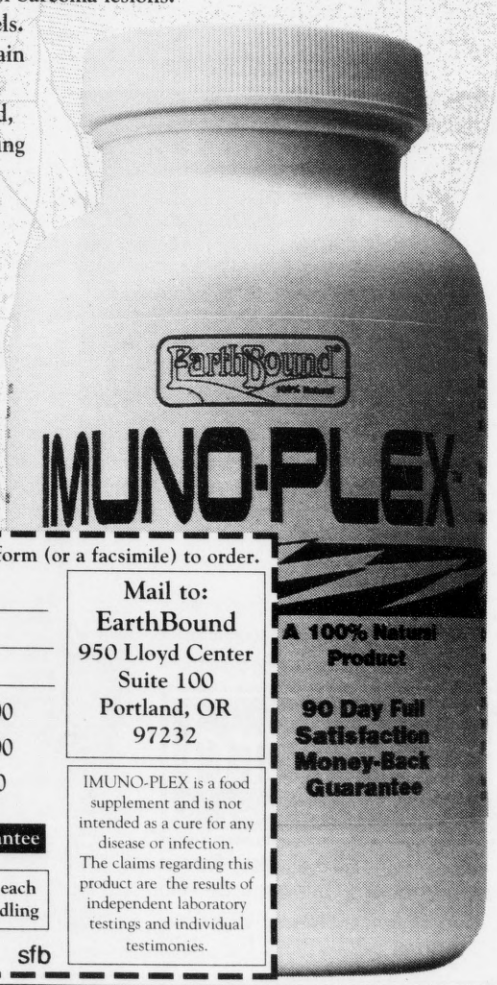

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Queer Leaders Happy With Clinton's Two-Phase Plan

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

President Bill Clinton came through with part one of a two-phase plan to keep his campaign promise concerning the military—he's instructed induction centers to drop the infamous "Are you gay?" question, and he's put a freeze on the ouster of gay and lesbian personnel. Clinton's action is backed solidly by a recent federal court decision which declares the military's ban on gays and lesbians unconstitutional.

The two-phase plan is also backed, after much negotiation, by the powerful Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, although Nunn opposes gays and lesbians in the military.

The other part of Clinton's oft-repeated promise to end the military's ban on gays/lesbians/bisexuals will come in six months, the prez says, when he issues an executive order on the matter. That order, to be drafted by newly appointed Defense Secretary Les Aspin by July 15, will address all of the issues involved, including, hopefully, domestic partners' benefits and a code of behavior for all military personnel, regardless of their sexual orientation.

This two-phase plan, announced on Jan. 29, was the result of weeks of intense controversy over the new president's commitment to lift the 50-year ban on gays and lesbians in the military. It was decided upon as the most effective way of lifting the restriction without forcing an out-and-out congressional ban via legislation or a rider to a bill.

NOT ENOUGH VOTES

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), an out gay man, is sure Clinton will issue an executive order in six months. He told *SF Bay Times*, "There isn't a doubt in the world. The man has been steadfast in his support."

Frank does not like the two-phase plan. He would have preferred an executive order immediately after Clinton took office. But Frank is realistic.

"I would have liked to just have him implement [an executive order]," Frank said. "But we probably didn't have the votes in Congress." The Senate can override a president's executive order.

Though gay/lesbian leaders were dubious of a congressional vote on the military issue, enough support was garnered to overcome a Feb. 4 attempt by Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) to attach a gay/lesbian military ban rider onto Clinton's Family Leave bill in the Senate. The rider failed by a vote of 67-37.

Said homophobic Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) of the lifting of the military ban after the Senate defeat: "President Clinton has vowed to let the members of ACT UP and Queer Nation invade the United States military."

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyist Joe Grabarz was invited to the White House for the signing of the Family Leave bill on Feb. 5. He said, "I spoke with the president and Tipper Gore, who both thanked us for our work on the military issue."

According to Grabarz, "Clinton stated that he expected another great victory in six months and that he would continue to stand fast against discrimination."

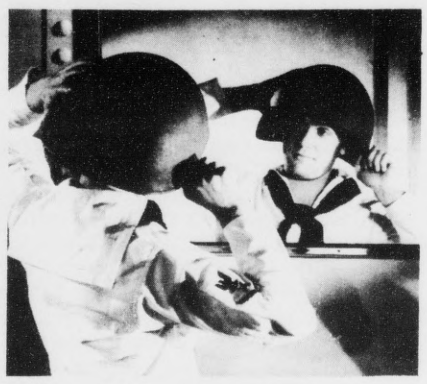
Though the vote bodes well for gays and lesbians, Frank feels that the mood in Congress should not be taken for granted. He urges queers to write their congressmembers, and to ask their friends to write.

The good thing about the delay in the executive order, says Frank, is that it gives gay and lesbian leaders time to organize in support of the Clinton strategy.

Other national gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders joined Frank in their support of the president and his plan for lifting the ban.

Says U.S. Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), "All who are committed to fundamental civil rights must assist President Clinton in abolishing this disgraceful policy."

Doreena Wong of the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco said blind deference to military judgement led to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. That program, like the one in force against gays and lesbians today, was based on a person's status alone, not behavior.



CAMPAIGN FOR MILITARY SERVICE

HRCF, which lobbied long and hard in support of Clinton's two-phase plan, is spearheading a new coalition effort: the Campaign for Military Service, which spokesperson Greg King says will "coordinate the national effort to end the ban." This coordination includes lobbying and public relations efforts. The new organization is headed by longtime gay rights activist Tom Stoddard.

In the past two months, HRCF produced 70,000 speakout messages in favor of lifting the ban, 26,000 in the two weeks following the Inauguration.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has also been working overtime to support the president. The organization, unreachable by phone, praised the efforts of the president in a recent press statement. "This is an important step toward the day when gay men and lesbians can openly serve their country with distinction and valor," said Tanya Domi, a former Army captain and director of the NGLTF Military Freedom Initiative.

While supporting the lifting of the ban, members of Queer Nation/National Capital were more dramatic in their framing of the issue. They held a political funeral in Washington on Jan. 29—the same day Clinton issued his two-part plan—carrying a coffin representing the body of Naval Petty Officer Allen Schindler, who was murdered by his shipmates in October. The coffin was brought to the office of Sen. Nunn because of his outspoken opposition to gays and lesbians in the military.

Said Lawrence Saltzman, Queer Nation spokesperson, "Any senator or representative who endorses the current policy, in effect condones the Pentagon's institutionalized bigotry against gays."

NON-QUEER SUPPORT

National non-gay leaders also came out in support of Clinton's lifting of the ban. NAACP National Board Chair Dr. William F. Gibson, who backs the April 25 National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay/Bi Rights, said, "The alibis and excuses they're giving are the same ones they tried to use to keep Blacks out of the military. They said white soldiers would not be able to sleep in the same barracks, use the same latrines and would not take orders from Black superiors."

A group of Black veterans interviewed by the Associated Press also supports Clinton's removal of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, citing the former restriction on their participation. Said Arthur Dudlet, 71, "Blacks had to prove they were as good as whites. In fact, we had to be twice as good."

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, in a letter to Clinton, wrote, "Let me add my voice to the many that strongly support your efforts to lift the military's proscription on homosexuality."

JUDGE NIXES MILITARY POLICE

The announcement of the two-phase plan came only a day after Los Angeles District Judge Terry Hatter, Jr. ruled that the military ban on gays and lesbians violates the U.S. Constitution. The ruling came in the case of Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who was dismissed for being gay after he came out on a national television program.

In his decision, Hatter wrote, "Gays and lesbians have served, and continue to serve, the United States military with honor, pride, dignity and loyalty." He said the ban was "based on cultural myths and stereotypes" similar to the "reasons offered the keep the military racially segregated in the 1940s." President Harry Truman ordered the integration of the armed forces in 1948.

Clinton learned of Hatter's decision as he was meeting with congressional leaders to work out a compromise on his lifting of the ban.

Not all queers are comfortable with the lifting of the military ban on gays and lesbians. In a press statement, Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention, a 10-year-old San Francisco group originally formed as a Central America solidarity group, said, "The media has completely ignored the position of many progressive lesbians and gay men like ourselves, who oppose the military's persecution of lesbians and gay men while believing that we should have no part in the U.S. military."

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Crying Uncle: A Child's Clear-Eyed Truth

I hadn't even opened my eyes.

"Aunt Louise," I heard, though from a 3-year-old mouth it sounded more like "Ant Wheeze." My niece had apparently tippy-toed into the room and was now standing next to the bed.

"Ant Whe-*eeze*," she said again, with a child's impatience. She pushed my shoulder. I cracked open my eyes and for a moment didn't recognize the unfamiliar room.

"Wake *up*."

I placed myself: My brother's house. Sun filled the room. Birds actually chirping outside. California. Of course, I was on vacation. And obviously the concept of sleeping in on one's vacation was an idea foreign to a toddler.

"Aunt Lou-*eese*!"

"What is it, Ashley? What's the matter, honey?"

"Are you a boy or a girl?"

I rubbed my eyes and sat up in bed. It was sort of a strange question to wake up to.

"A girl, Ashley. Why?"

"You have short hair."

Some women do, I told her.

"And you don't wear dresses or make-up."

"Sometimes I do," I countered, feeling a little defensive. After all, I was on vacation. "Look," I said, pointing to my make-up bag spilling lipsticks and blush.

She looked.

"Okay," she finally pronounced, thoughtfully.

"Get UP! Get up, NOW!" she added, obviously through with the topic of gender identification.

After making my bed and brushing my teeth, at a 3-year-old's directive, Ashley led me through the rest of my morning. We played outside, went to the park, visited a friend of hers. This was our second visit together and, though I had clearly won her heart, she had yet to grasp the concept of "aunt."

"Who are you?"

"I'm daddy's sister," I kept telling her. "Just like you are Ryan's sister."

By the time my three days were over I had attempted to answer many interesting questions. How come I didn't have a daddy (husband)? Where were my children?

Raised in the suburbs, Ashley was clearly used to seeing women in the roles of wife and mother. I tried to explain that I lived alone, on a different ocean, and kept tortoises instead of children. Whatever she thought secretly of this odd kind of woman, on the outside she accepted me 200 percent. We wrestled and ran and played Peter Pan and Ninja Turtles.

And when I left she pouted. "*Why* won't you come to my birthday party?" She stomped.

Once on board the plane, I cried. Not only because I wished I lived closer to my family, but because of my role in the lives of Ashley and her baby brother. Our extended family does not extend very far. It's just my brother and me; his wife has no siblings. No living siblings. A man who would have been Ashley's uncle Bill died before she was born, and before I had a chance to meet him. He died of AIDS.

Sometimes we don't think of the far-reaching implications of AIDS. The tragedy is so much in the present that the long-term just doesn't seem to come into focus. We know so many who have died, we all know people who know more dead people. On the plane ride home I thought about this man I never knew, about what I had heard of him, his humor, his zest for life, his love of adventure and travel.

Somewhere over the center of the country I let my mind conjure up an imaginary birthday party thrown by Aunt Weeze and Uncle Bill. Bill dressed as what? A magician complete with sparkling tux. Me? I've always wanted a pink ballerina outfit with tutu.

A thousand multicolored balloons, a herd of small ponies. Why not? The eccentric aunt and uncle, flown in from places unknown, to amuse and spoil our only niece and nephew...

It was too much to think about and I opened my notebook and clicked my mind back to work mode. I hope someday to be able to explain to Ashley about Bill, about the uncle she never had.

On the way to the airport I had recounted Ashley's interrogation of my womanhood to my sister-in-law. She laughed. "Ashley's already hep to lesbians," I joked.

"But you know," my sister-in-law said, "Ashley was on the right track. You have to be both uncle and aunt to my kids."

She smiled, raising her eyebrows as a hopeful gesture. I smiled back. "I'll do my best."

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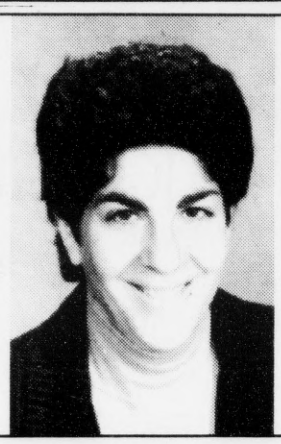

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Dorothy Allison Canned by Okies

NORMAN - The Oklahoma State Department of Libraries has banned San Francisco author Dorothy Allison (*Bastard Out of Carolina*, *Trash*) from a three-day residency at the Oklahoma State Center for the Book.

As a National Book Award finalist, Allison's residency was scheduled as part of the National Book Foundation series, which is cosponsored by the Library of Congress' Center for the Book. A spokesperson for the Foundation said the decision was made because of Allison's sexual orientation, a charge the Oklahoma Center denies.

"Neither the Oklahoma State Library nor the Oklahoma Center for the Book sexually discriminates, and to say we do borders on the slanderous and libelous," said a spokesperson at the Center.

Quipped Allison, "You can't be a queer writer and not expect things like this to happen." Marvin Brown, president of NAL/Dutton, which published Allison's *Bastard*, wrote in a letter to the Oklahoma Center, "I feel fear because prejudiced actions such as this turn back the clock to the days when keeping people ignorant and insulated from the real world seemed to be the road map for keeping power."

First Lesbian Evangelist Chosen

SAN ANSELMO - Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns will receive funding beginning March 1 to create a new national position for its longtime founder and Director, Rev. Dr. Jane Adams Spahr.

Spahr will become the nation's first out lesbian Presbyterian evangelist educator, traveling from coast to coast. She will encourage all Presbyterians to join with her to lift the ban that blocks lesbians and gays from holding the posts of deacon, elder or pastor within the U.S. Presbyterian Church.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University and the San Francisco Theological Seminary, Spahr's hiring by the Downtown United Presbyterian Church of Rochester was blocked by the Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly's Permanent Judicial Commission in 1992.

Spahr will be the guest of honor at a Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church benefit country/western dance on Feb. 14 to support gay/lesbian/bisexual ministers who wish to be ordained in the church.

The Boycott Continues

DENVER - The boycott against Colorado continues, with the Independent Feature Project, an advisory group supporting independent film producers, joining the ever-growing list of those who won't do business in or with the state that has the nation's first anti-gay/lesbian law.

That law, Amendment 2, nixes any existing gay rights law, and prohibits cities and counties from enacting future ones. The amendment is not enforceable at present, under an injunction issued just before it was to go into effect.

The Project has urged its 2,000 members to cancel all plans to work, shoot, participate in film festivals, visit, vacation or otherwise spend money in Colorado until Amendment 2 is history.

Other developments in Colorado include:

Voters in Telluride approved a gay rights measure, the first adopted since the passage of 2. The new law also prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion and other categories.

Information from the queer community has led police to seven gay/lesbian or gay-friendly suspects in the desecration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Mount Olivet Cemetery. After the incidents, activists accused the rightwing of the vandalism.

The city of Denver has lost $26 million in near-future convention business, according to the Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Finally, the ACLU of Colorado has adopted a neutral stance on the boycott. The reason? "We are currently involved in litigation to overturn this amendment," says a statement from its board. "Our role in this matter is and shall be to do all within our power—educationally, legislatively and judicially—to repeal Amendment 2."

The national office of the ACLU is endorsing the boycott, however.

An open house party was held at the Eureka Valley Rec Center to celebrate LYRIC's new use of the facilities. (L-r): Ken Bukowski, Peter Altman, Angie Fa, Rachel Timoner, Mike Powers and Joel Robinson. Photo by Rink

J. Edgar, We Hardly Knew You

BOSTON - The Public Broadcasting Service program *Frontline* aired a Feb. 11 special on former FBI head J. Edgar Hoover that claimed he was compromised in his battle against organized crime because of his gay lifestyle and a sexually explicit photo.

The program alleged that organized crime's

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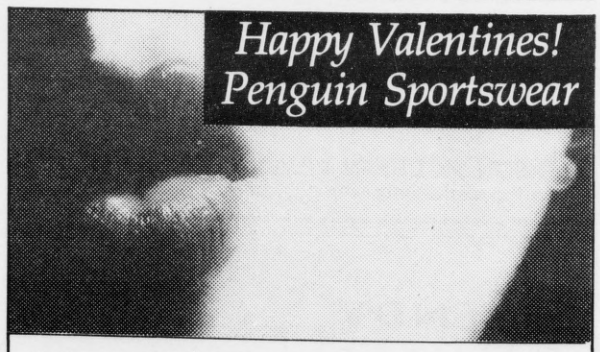

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knowledge of his longtime affair with FBI Deputy Director Clyde Tolson kept Hoover from pursuing the Mafia in America for over two decades. The Mafia also reportedly had photos of Hoover in the midst of a sexual encounter, which it used to blackmail him.

No pictures were produced on the program.

Meanwhile, a new book, *Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover*, by Anthony Summers, expounds on this theme by quoting an ex-mobster's wife as saying that she saw Hoover in drag at a gay sex party in 1959.

Ammiano Gets Serious in Japan

TOKYO - Gay comic Tom Ammiano, the new president of the San Francisco School Board, recently testified in favor of Japan's gay rights group OCCUR at a court hearing in Tokyo. OCCUR filed suit after it was banned from using Board of Education space for its meetings.

Ammiano, who was invited to Japan by OCCUR members who came to San Francisco last summer, said after the hearing: "I think that in the courtroom today, if the judges had any sense or sentiment, then we have indeed won, no matter what the decision is." He also said that the judges need "a lot more education on sexuality and homosexuality." But he felt that they "indeed learned a lot."

Lesbians Face Greater Risk of Cancer

NEW YORK - Lesbians are two-to-three times more likely to get breast cancer, according to a study by a National Cancer Institute researcher.

Epidemiologist Suzanne G. Haynes says that lesbians are more likely to be exposed to known breast-cancer risks—alcohol use, smoking, and lack of childbearing as well as poor access to health care. "Most of the lesbian [medical] literature has focused on low access to health care, not on any specific cancer risk like this," she says.

Playing for the Chief

WASHINGTON - The Lesbian/Gay Bands of America—the national organization of 22 lesbian/gay bands across the United States—played "America the Beautiful" just as newly elected President Bill Clinton and his motorcade were passing in the recent Inaugural Parade.

According to a report from Nancy Corporon, artistic director of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, one of the participating groups, "he waved and smiled."

Around 3 pm, Bill and Hillary Clinton were walking past when the band again played "America the Beautiful" for the new first couple. Corporon says, "When he saw our banner—Lesbian and Gay Bands of America—he gave us a big thumbs up, and a welcoming grin. Hillary gave us a big wave, and I think I saw one Secret Service guy wink at our twirler."

Sounds like a gay time was had by all at the Inauguration.

Gays Should Be Shot

CRESCENT CITY - *The Triplicate*, a newspaper in this town in Del Norte County, Calif., on Feb. 3 asked a man on the street his feelings on gays in the military. Harry Haralson's reply, featured on the front page under the column head "from the street": "I think all homosexuals should be shot."

Letters can be sent to *The Triplicate*, John Pritchett, Editor, 312 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531. (707) 464-2141.

Migden Strategizes on RightWing

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Carole Migden has invited 50 of Northern California's gay/lesbian/bisexual leaders to a Feb. 20 meeting to discuss the possibility that right-wing fundies will qualify a statewide ballot measure repealing civil rights for gays.

"I believe we must take this threat seriously," Migden wrote leaders. "While I believe we could defeat this measure, I do not take for granted that it would be easy." Migden hopes the meeting will help produce an early strategy for dealing with the threat of an initiative.

After the meeting, Migden will contact Southern Californians to encourage the beginnings of organizing in that portion of the state, which contains some three-quarters of the state's voters.

KOFY Suit Settled

SAN FRANCISCO - The suit against KOFY (channel 20) by a former employee with AIDS who charged that the station canceled his long-term disability coverage without notification has been settled out of court for an undisclosed amount.

Larry Rucker, a former business manager of KOFY, was asking $1.25 million and $2,888 a month. Station owner James Gabbert denied he did anything wrong in canceling the insurance.

Bits & Pieces

• "In Living Color" recently featured a segment spoofing gays in the military that the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says was offensive. It featured a group of stereotypical gay soldiers readying themselves for drill by an unsuspecting sergeant, who's informed that, in light of Clinton's lifting of the military ban on gays and lesbians, the unit has now been dubbed "the Pink Brigade." Letters can be sent to: Don Bay, Vice President for Broadcast Standards, Fox Broadcasting Co., Trailer #112, L.A. 90035.

• It will be Michigan Music Festival without the music at the Dinah Shore Tournament Weekend in Palm Springs, March 26-28. Among the many talented women entertaining are out lesbian comics Kate Clinton and Suzanne Westenhoefer. Reservations and tickets available through Ticketmaster outlets.

• The Metropolitan Community Church/San Francisco will host its first Saints Alive award

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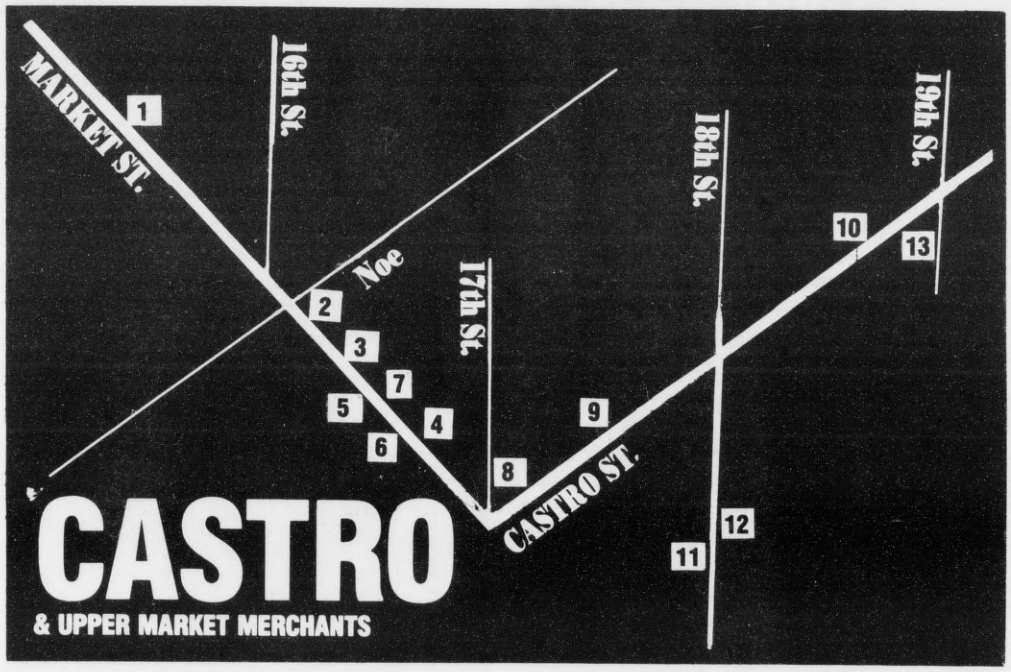

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• Shock-T Music has released "Together, Proud and Strong," the official anthem for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, which takes place in Washington, D.C., on April 25. Singer/songwriter Lynn Thomas, who wrote the anthem, traveled throughout the country with a 24-track master, garnering the vocal support of 62 artists. To obtain your copy, write Shock-T Music, Box 54, Perkasie, PA 18944, (215) 795-0615.

• The Recall Wilson effort, to oust California Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, has gained 200,000 signatures thus far, with petitions circulating in 58 counties. Wilson, who vetoed a statewide gay rights bill in 1991, last year signed a watered-down version of that same legislation. The next meeting of the Recall Wilson campaign is Feb. 11, Lakeview Branch Library, 550 El Embarcadero, in Oakland.

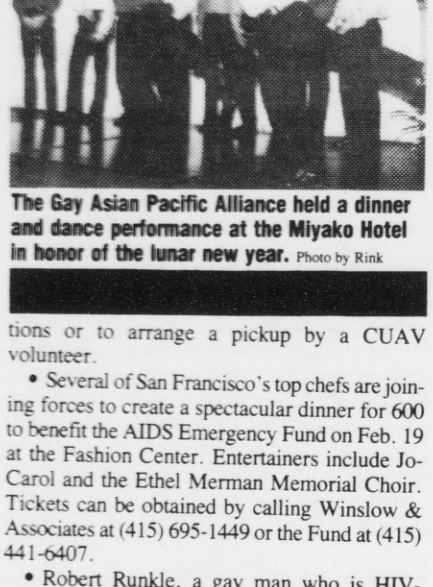
• Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Robertson and Falk, one of San Francisco's largest law firms, will now reimburse gay/lesbian employees for the health care insurance costs of their same-sex domestic partners—despite the refusal of its health care insurers to provide such coverage. The firm will give employees up to $100/month for the additional costs they incur in obtaining private coverage comparable to the group coverage available to employee spouses.

The premiere of "Last Call at Maude's" with filmmakers Rikki Streicher and Paris Poirier. Photo by Rink

• The AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory, which lists dozens of trials of promising AIDS drugs, is available for an annual rate of $44 from AmFAR AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory, 733 Third Ave., 12th floor, NYC 10017. For info: 1-800-39-AmFAR.

• The Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health has produced a guidebook of 100 percent smoke-free restaurants in San Francisco. The group also advocates legislation and voluntary policies to protect nonsmokers.

• Community United Against Violence (CUAV) is seeking donations of all kinds for its March 13 garage sale in the parking lot of the Church Street Station restaurant. All proceeds further CUAV's efforts to halt violence against queers. Call CUAV at (415) 777-5500 and ask for Sylvia or Elaine for info on dropping off donations or to arrange a pickup by a CUAV volunteer.



The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance held a dinner and dance performance at the Miyako Hotel in honor of the lunar new year. Photo by Rink

• Several of San Francisco's top chefs are joining forces to create a spectacular dinner for 600 to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund on Feb. 19 at the Fashion Center. Entertainers include Jo-Carol and the Ethel Merman Memorial Choir. Tickets can be obtained by calling Winslow & Associates at (415) 695-1449 or the Fund at (415) 441-6407.

• Robert Runkle, a gay man who is HIV-positive, filed suit on Feb. 3 against AssetCare, a San Francisco collection agency, charging outrageous and persistent acts of harassment directed against him because of his sexual orientation and HIV status. The suit claims that Runkle's complaints to management and supervisors did not alleviate the harassment.

• The feminist writers' conference, to be held June 4-6 at Indiana University in Bloomington, is still seeking a few good writing workshop presenters. To apply, contact Midge Stocker, NWMF Writers Conference, 2250 W. Farragut, Chicago, IL 60625-1802. Send a SASE for Workshop Proposal Application. Deadline is March 1.

• Two pro-queer bills—one legalizing gay/lesbian sex, the other extending the law on sexual harassment to queers—were killed in the Montana legislature recently.

• A bill decriminalizing sodomy in Missouri has the backing of at least one rurual prosecutor who says the law is "ludicrous" because it's rarely enforced. But the Missouri Family Network thinks the decriminalization effort poses "a threat to public health."

• Out queer Texas legislator Glen Maxey (D-Austin) plans on pushing for gay/lesbian marriages in the state House. While he admits his proposal has no chance of passing this term, "I hope to begin the debate in a rational manner," he says.

• Talk about space cadets. The National Research Council claims AIDS will have little impact on the lives of most Americans or the way society functions. The reason? The disease is concentrated among "socially marginalized groups" which have "little economic, political and social power."

• The West Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights is approaching the legislature of that East Coast state for a gay-rights measure.

• In Albuquerque, NM, students were in an uproar over two photos in a recent issue of the

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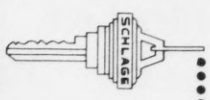

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DC Gears Up For March on Washington

by Val C. Phoenix

Returning from a national meeting of the March on Washington steering committee in the nation's capital, Gerard Palmeri is full of news. Hotels are booked up, the Executive Committee is scrambling to get all the logistics tied up, Bay Area representatives are leaving the area to help out—and he couldn't be happier. "Things are coming together," says Palmeri, as the countdown continues for the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation on Apr. 25. Here's an update of MOW decisions made Feb. 6 and 7.

Firstly, decisions were made by a vote not to re-open the discussion of adding transgender to the name of the march. The CD committee also requested to be divested from the march's command, for legal reasons and to have more freedom. This was granted. The committee also voted to endorse the boycott of Colorado. And it was announced that the NAACP has endorsed the march.

The order of the marching groups has been set. Leading off will be vehicles carrying people with AIDS and HIV and disabilities, then the march banner and VIPs, then people with AIDS and HIV not traveling in cars, parents with children, and people with disabilities and lesbian health-care concerns. Following these will be affinity groups of ASL sign language culture, youth, veterans and military people, lesbian and gay marching bands of America, P-FLAG and the NAMES Project, people of color groups, queers from other countries and states and other groups.

Out of deference to the hate initiatives that are alive and well, Colorado will be the first state, followed by Oregon. Then come the other 48 states and 34 groups, picked by lottery. California got the ninth slot. Bringing up the rear of the march will be Dykes on Bikes. Says Palmeri, "We want to create as much space as possible for people to identify with different groups." He encourages people wishing to march with an identifiable group to contact the national office so the group can be assigned a spot.

A full array of entertainment and speakers is set for the kickoff and rally stages beginning and ending the march. Eighteen topics were agreed upon for speakers. Confirmed acts include local favorites Pansy Division and Pussy Tourette, plus Toshi Reagon, BETTY, Raging Hormones, disappear fear, Menage, Lynn Lavner, Cris Williamson, Suede, Kate Clinton, Funny Gay Males, Ubaka Hill and Rhythm Express, Pop Twins, Romanovsky and Phillips, Sierra Carol, Ellen James Society, and Maggie Casella. Many others have yet to confirm.

For the optimistic, organizer Michelle Crone adds that k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Barbra Streisand, Roseanne Arnold, Lily Tomlin, and Martina Navratilova have been invited. Dustin Hoffman and Cybill Shepherd have agreed to show up should their film schedules permit. In addition to the free march and rallies, there are hopes for a free concert on Apr. 24, the day before the march, since many related events have admission fees.

The march's first travel agency has sold out its complement of 35,000 hotel rooms, and a second travel agency, Starlight Travel, has been added. (1-800-343-9994). Travelers are advised to book early. Community housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The word is that all flights out of SF on Friday, Apr. 23 are sold out, but go ahead and try. Be aware that over 140 related activities have been scheduled the week before and after the march. Lobbying days have been set up for scores of constituencies, including those in the arts and psychologists.

Expecting one million people, the march committee needs serious help. Among their needs: people to be buddies to those with disabilities and assist with access needs, 400 doctors, 1,600 medical support people, and 2,000 marshals (preferably trained by pride committees). To volunteer, contact the national office at 1-(800) 832-8339 or (202) 628-0493.

Locally, Palmeri says, some thought should be given to "a spontaneous display of California pride." The national committee is urging participants to be as gay and joyous as possible and to be creative in their decor. In other local march news, executive committee member Barbara Dinnerstein is heading to DC this month to work full-time on coordinating access for those with disabilities. Other reps will follow closer to the time of the march. The task is daunting, but committee members are pleased by the results of the meeting. Says Crone, "We're hustling as a group to pull it off." ✿

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Shower Head: A Few Good Men

In a '90s about-face for queers, the word "gay" dominated the front pages of the nation's largest newspapers two weeks ago. Happily, the word "Clinton" often appeared alongside it; sadly, so did the word "military."

At the very least, the unanticipated fight over President Clinton's proposal to lift the military's ban on lesbians and gays exposed the most hysterical, macho, "straight," violent and homophobic mind-set: that of the United States military. The level of heterosexual panic was galling, or laughable—or both. As openly gay Rep. Barney Frank, (D-Mass.), put it in the Jan. 26 *NY Times*: "There's a pattern when we deal with matters of discrimination of hearing horror stories that try to scare people off."

The Joint Chiefs of Staff feared lifting the ban might hurt morale, scare off devoutly religious personnel, increase anti-gay violence, spread AIDS to heterosexuals, and threaten straight men's "masculinity" by "forcing" them to share foxholes and showers with gay servicemen.

The irony is that about 100,000 gays and lesbians *already* serve in the military. Nearly 17,000 were discharged for being gay between 1980 and 1990. Almost all of those were enlisted soldiers.

The evidence in the press was abundant. A closeted lesbian who's been a Navy nurse for 16 years told *SF Ex* columnist Bill Mandel that "gay people have been laying down their lives for this country forever. All we're asking is the right to be ourselves, to stop hiding." In the Jan. 28 *Ex*, Marine Corps Sgt. Wolf Mirasol said, "When I left active service, I found that 20 of the 120 guys I served with were also gay. There was always a lot of barracks talk about gays, and I did it too. It was only after I got out that I realized that the guys who talked the toughest were gay. It was a form of protection."

A gay Marine quoted in the Jan 28 *NY Times*, contextualized closeted soldiers' fears: "...will people who think I'm a good marine now, good and proud and, yes, macho as the next guy, continue to think that once the ban is lifted and I tell them I'm gay? Will they?"

Maybe, maybe not. One thing's for sure: Military personnel were passing the message that out queers won't be safe. In the Jan. 28 *NY Times*, Col. W. V. Morris, a Marine for 31 years, worried "that gays will suffer too because there are some of our Marines who might try to make gays part of the food chain, as we say, before we can stop them." Not unexpectedly, none of these soldiers claimed the homophobic mind-set is *wrong*, and that education is essential.

HE DROPS THE SOAP; OTHERS WATCH

Perhaps the anti-gay attacks promised if the ban is lifted would serve to restore the "order and discipline" military leaders are so certain will decline should queers openly enter the military.

NY Times columnist Abe Rosenthal surprisingly nailed it Jan. 26: "The most important military argument against gays is that their presence could cripple discipline... Isn't that a strange argument for the military to make now that homosexuals are openly part of American civilian life? American business, professions, universities, churches and Congress manage to maintain order while accepting homosexuals. Are the armed forces lesser?"

Ultimately, the "morale and discipline" argument boils down to one overweening concern: S-E-X. The implied fears that surfaced in military arguments against the ban? Homosexual rape, contamination, attack. Military "reasoning" unilaterally embraces the notion of the homo as out-of-control sex offender, a threat sweet young enlisted men face from the oversexed "other." The debate classically demonized lesbians and gays, but also revealed the level of heterosexual panic that lurks just beneath the surface of the military mentality— and of the country in general.

"Can you imagine two homosexual soldiers walking down the street holding hands in uniform?" asked a 54-year-old army reservist in the Jan. 28 *LA Times*.

More absurdly, Jan. 28 *NY Times* reporter Dirk Johnson writes: "[Troops] said they were worried that homosexuals would decorate dormitories with magazine photographs of scantily clad men. 'Now how am I going to feel if I walk in to a dormitory and see pictures on the wall from a *Playgirl* magazine?' "

It is the particular issue of sharing dormitories and showers, in fact, that fully, er, arouses the lads.

Reporter Johnson admirably trained a beady eye on young soldiers' logic (22-year-old Martin Jones posits sleepless nights because "I'd be worried that some homosexual is going to sneak over and make a pass at me") in the Jan. 28 *NY Times*: "It is unclear why they think military life would generate such uncontrolled sexual behavior. Airman Jones said that in civilian life no homosexual had ever pursued him—not even the friend from boyhood who turned out to be gay."

Johnson quotes shower-wary 20-year-old Jason Alexander, then notes: "But no one said they had ever refused to take showers in gym class in high school, where some of their classmates were presumably homosexual. 'That's different,' said Airman Alexander, a bit flustered by the idea that

there might have been homosexuals back [home]. 'The showers in the military are a lot more cramped.' "

THEN WE'LL DO THEIR NAILS

Read between the lines, and you see that the fear of sexual assault is a hall-of-mirrors projection: young "straight" men can *only* perceive and understand male sexuality, gay *or* straight, as being aggressive. These are the same types of young men, remember, who attacked fellow female officers in last year's Tailhook scandal. As Boston *Globe* columnist Ellen Goodman wrote Jan. 28, referring to anti-gays-in-military mail she'd received from men: "The fascinating thing to this—female—reader was that nearly all the letter writers shared the same perspective: that of straight men worrying about being victims of sexual assault, harassment, lusting or just plain ogling. This garden variety homophobia was fear of becoming the object of unwanted sexual attention. It's the closest that most men may come, even in fantasy, to imagining the everyday real-life experiences of women. In short, the closest men come to worrying about male sexual aggression."

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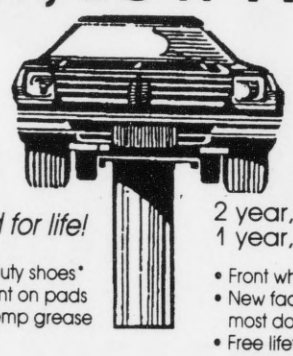

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FIVE DOWN:
FOUR LETTERS, STARTS WITH "A"

For ignorant grunts, fear of S-E-X spells fear of something much darker: AIDS. The Jan. 23 *NY Times* reported that the Joint Chiefs "contend that open homosexuality in the military would increase promiscuity, and this would allow more chances for the virus that causes AIDS to infect heterosexuals." No matter how you slice it, that statement—uninformed as it is—suggests the Chiefs believe that, *at some point*, gays and straights will be fucking. The Joint Chiefs' statement implies either that they, too, suffer homo-attack panic, or that they know more than they're willing to say about what *really* happens in those showers and dorms. Regardless, as the ever-reliable Dirk Johnson reported in the Jan. 28 *NY Times*, "...all members of the armed services are tested, initially and periodically, for the virus that causes AIDS."

AIDS fear is just a part of the military's diseased thinking. During the week's intensive lobbying efforts, according to the Jan. 28 *LA Times*, a video called "The Gay Agenda" was circulated among congresspeople. Stooping to fundamendalist tactics, the military concocted what the *Times* called a "professionally produced program [depicting] partly clad homosexuals writhing on floats in a parade, a physician providing a graphic analysis of the asserted medical dangers of homosexual acts and children apparently crying at the sight of what are depicted as leering gays." If there was any doubt as to its origin, the *Times* quoted "a former Pentagon official" as saying, "The Marines are passing it out like popcorn."

Beyond *actions*, the military *mentality* is spooky. Dave Mapus, a 23-year-old airman, told the Jan. 28 *NY Times* that the gay issue isn't like discrimination against Blacks or women. "That was racism against the Blacks, just prejudiced thinking," he said. "We're not that way at all. We just don't like homosexuals."

Hello?

SOME LIKE IT (HOT), SOME LIKE IT (NOT)

The positive elements of the debate appear both as cold, hard facts, and in philosophical and socio-political reality.

Major media polls showed an evenly divided public for and against lifting the ban. Intriguingly, men were *against* lifting the ban by 57 to 39 percent, while women were *for* lifting the ban by 55 to 38 percent. All of which numerically suggests that opposition to lifting the ban is based on straight guys' unexamined sexual fears, and implies, happily, that whatever the rhetoric, nearly half the American public accepts homosexuality in a way that would have been unthinkable ten years ago.

To his credit, the President hung fairly tough under unanticipated fire. As Tom Ammiano told the Jan. 26 *Ex*: "It gives me a lot of faith in Clinton. Certainly, when he says something he means it, and we haven't had a president—or a mayor—like that in a long time." In the face of vicious opposition, the message from the White House was an unequivocal assertion that Clinton would lift the ban—no matter how long it takes.

Finally, the controversy was all to the good, since it brought to light both gay and lesbian issues, and the virulent homophobia that rots the core of the military and of half the country's citizens. Gay leaders noted that the brouhaha might make it tough to garner support for future civil rights legislation (which many, yours truly included, think should have been our watershed issue). But the truth is, we've just undergone a crash course in Queer Issues In America 101. As Tom Stoddard, former director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund put it in the Jan. 28 *Chron*: "What Americans are now seeing is our newspapers turning into a national classroom on the rights of lesbians and gay men."

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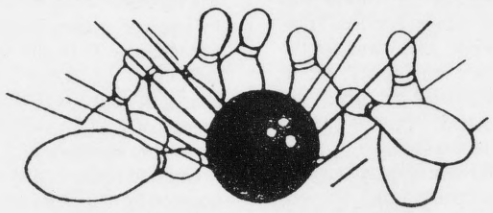

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Clinton: Setting New Directions on AIDS

by Keith Griffith

What are influential voices in the AIDS community expecting from the Clinton administration? To help answer this question, *AIDS Treatment News* spoke with a diverse segment of the national AIDS leadership—from a Nobel prize-winning scientist to one of the most outspoken activists in the United States, from insiders in the Clinton transition team to front-line physicians. Everyone agreed that a Clinton administration would be more responsive than its predecessors; for some, this was more an indictment of the Reagan/Bush years than an endorsement of Bill Clinton. Melanie Thompson, M.D., principal investigator for AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, echoed many others interviewed when she said, "Not only is this a significant opportunity, I think it is the only opportunity we have really had in the 12 years of this epidemic."

During the campaign, the Clinton team issued a lengthy position paper titled, "Bill Clinton on AIDS." Less than a week before the November election, the candidate delivered a speech to a group in New Jersey on the subject. Both of these publicly delivered documents are at the centerpiece of any discussion about what the new administration is expected to deliver. Among policy moves we may see from Clinton:

(1) "Loud, clear, and consistent" leadership on all AIDS issues. To carry this out, the president will appoint one person, an AIDS czar, as he phrased it, "to oversee and coordinate all federal efforts related to this issue, a person with my ear, my attention and my support, with the power to cut through red tape and the mandate to get results as quickly as possible."

(2) He will appoint a "high-level AIDS task force in the White House to coordinate a federal 'Manhattan Project.' "

(3) "Increase funding both for AIDS-specific and general biomedical research." Furthermore, he stated, "I will not tolerate a business-as-usual attitude towards AIDS research." He called for an expansion of clinical trials, including community-based trials and for the National Institutes of Health infrastructure to "be reorganized to streamline its AIDS research efforts, and to increase planning, efficiency and communication."

(4) Finally, the campaign promised a whole series of changes in the delivery of health care which will directly impact people living with HIV. This included guaranteed access to prescription drugs and improved access to experimental therapies.

To outline the often-mysterious transition process before Clinton's inauguration, we spoke with Steve Morin, Ph.D., longtime assistant to Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) and one of the handful of people on Capitol Hill working full-time on AIDS. During the transition, Dr. Morin was assigned to the Health and Human Services Transition Cluster Group. While AIDS was not the focus of the group, it was a top priority. Morin offered this explanation of what his group was charged to do regarding AIDS: "First, we had to identify issues that would require high-level attention in the first 90 to 180 days of the administration. There are a number of policy issues that need to be reversed from the Reagan/Bush years. Then there were emerging controversies which needed to be identified along with options available in dealing with them. All of this was followed up with other groups on the transition team, such as the personnel department, in selecting people for posts or the budget group in revising numbers that will replace the 1994 Bush budget."

Morin told *AIDS Treatment News* that this work was some of the most satisfying he has experienced in public service. "There is a level of commitment in these people that would have been unthinkable under Reagan or Bush. This administration is determined to address AIDS as promised."

THE AIDS "CZAR"

The administration is now referring to this new position as the Special Assistant to the President for AIDS. Morin confirmed that a decision has been reached to keep this position in the White House and says that the job description is under review. The key issue right now in administration discussions is over whether the Special Assistant will be primarily a policy position or more a public spokesperson. Dr. Thompson believes, as do many in the community, that this job must not be reduced to "a public relations figure, a mere figurehead. The choice for this position will reflect the kind of direction Clinton intends to offer in this epidemic."

President Clinton pledged to appoint an AIDS czar who would oversee all aspects of AIDS, not a scientist who would dole out research grants. This person will probably spend at least as much time dealing with prevention campaigns and other pieces of the AIDS agenda as with research. Dr. Morin sees the Special Assistant as someone who will facilitate cutting across government agencies; for instance, getting Immigration and Naturalization talking with Health and Human Services. He says that "this doesn't mean this person is in charge of running all AIDS programs in every branch of government. It is a problem-solving leadership position."

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tant Secretary for Health and Human Services (HHS). Morin believes that ultimately the person chosen for this post will coordinate many critical AIDS programs at HHS.

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According to an article in *Nature*, the federal government spends $70 billion annually on science and technology, weighted heavily toward military research and development. The president agreed during the campaign that this country's investment in research and development needed to shift more toward civilian needs, including AIDS research. Activists, taking their cue from the administration, are taking a new approach to funding issues. AIDS activists have begun demanding major increases in all biomedical research at NIH, with a special recognition of extra funding needs for all life-threatening diseases. For the 1994 fiscal year activists and lobbyists are calling upon Clinton to double the entire NIH budget, including a sizable increase for AIDS. The Clinton administration will not release details of possible changes in the 1994 budget until the State of the Union address in mid-February.

We asked Terry Beswick, AIDS Research Policy Analyst for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and one of only three people in Washington paid to lobby for research money on behalf of the AIDS community, what to expect from Congress. "Budget issues are going to get worse. Over the last two years, we saw congressional funding for NIH drop below what even Bush requested." Beswick believes that Congress is going to be a major obstacle not only in funding, but also in other AIDS issues. "Congress has long been our obstacle. They have moved far too slowly, and leadership hasn't come unless they were dragged into it by sheer necessity." Beswick adds, "What we need now is a groundswell of support for our position that there even is a problem."

Larry Kramer, one of the founders of AIDS street activism, believes that what is most needed is not just more money, but a greater willingness to take risks: "To be gutsy doesn't cost a lot of money. Far from it. But just to do things in ways that haven't been done before tends to scare everybody."

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Physicians and patients should know that sulfadiazine from Europe is available through the PWA Health Group, a New York buyers' club which has helped people import personal-use quantities of AIDS medications not available in the United States. The organization will ship the drug. It requires a prescription, and the use of its own order form. For more information, call the PWA Health Group at (212) 255-0520.

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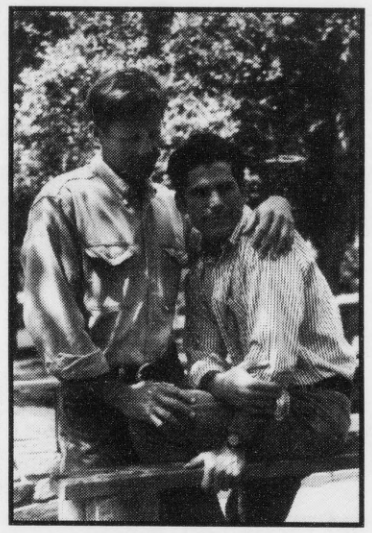

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"You know how them big, strong redheads are. They gotta git right to the point!" So said Lucy in *The Women*, written by Claire Booth ("Before she was Luce," as Dorothy Parker said). Obviously, despite my Titian hues, I am not gittin' to the point very directly. Mars, the big, strong redheaded planet, is retrograde as I write this, but he will turn direct on Feb. 14, just 17 minutes before midnight PST. During the Mars retrograde period, we tend to repress anger. We find problems in methodology and machines, usually the hard way. Now that Mars is direct, we can really move forward on problems that have been defying solution since November. With this turn of direction you may expect some explosions of temper, as well as bursts of activity. Just think of energy long bottled finally coming loose.

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SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Through their challenges and brutal honesty your friends are helping you to look still more sexy and powerful than usual. Your commitment to friendship will help even more. You tend to take challenges as confrontation and to respond accordingly. Take these challenges in a friendly way; look at them as spurs to growth. Quiet introspection is not associated with your sign, but will help you through some scrapes. Venus in your sign now makes you a little too cute for your own good, as your housemates will point out. Keep your mouth shut and let your eyes do the talking.

TAURUS: This is an excellent time to gain professional recognition, perhaps a new position altogether. You're at the top of a 30-year career cycle, so take full advantage! This will challenge your primary relationship. Despite your reputation as the bullheaded one, you always find others just as stubborn! Right now you will each have to search for inner strength to make adjustments, and to open up in new, perhaps frighteningly vulnerable ways. Your long-range goals are up for review. Take time alone, but also talk with friends about what you really want in life.

GEMINI: Worrying about your health? You may have good reason, but your fears could be based more on guilt than any real medical situation. Deal with real symptoms, but also look to see if anything else is making them seem worse than they really are. Work is an effective focus to keep your mind on things that can be improved upon. Right now you're in an excellent position to profit from recognition. Your friends are very helpful, but entirely on their own terms. Don't dismiss them even if they don't conform to your expectations.

CANCER: You're being quite forceful these days! Given your moods that's a mixed blessing, but for the most part your newfound assertion should work out for you. You may expect some mild run-ins with authorities, but with a mix of insight and charm you should be able to talk your way through almost anything. Enjoy it while you can! As much as you are aching for a challenge, that particular drive will focus more in playful or creative directions. The pursuit of pleasure is all well and good—as long as you are having as much pleasure as pursuit. Watch out for your obsessive streak.

LEO: As much as you love being the center of attention, you could live without the push and pull going on between your partner and your family. You're inclined to drastic solutions, like relocating, but that's largely your temper thinking for you. Consider any possibilities, but give yourself room to step back from them. Take time alone to meditate, to philosophize, or even to indulge in escapist fantasies. Time alone to recharge your batteries will help you feel more certain of yourself, and thus more capable of finding more moderate and more workable solutions.

VIRGO: Concern about work (or about health) is making you especially pushy right now. Your sudden bout of assertiveness tempts trouble in conversation, disasters in driving! Arguments and accidents can be avoided if you can focus in on your worries, acknowledge them, and keep them out of the way as you navigate your ways. Arguments with friends can best be avoided by having your partner handy as much as possible, even if that partner is "only" a *paramour du jour*. It's time to energize a relationship. If you don't take steps to liven things up, fate will put a vicious, but playful hand in. I don't foresee serious trouble. In fact, kissing and making up could make it all more than worthwhile.

LIBRA: Your famous gentleness and cooperation are on vacation right now as you pursue pleasure with a relentless drive. Either that or you're having explosive creative breakthroughs. One does not rule out the other. *Au contraire!* Just watch your wallet on the way, and be very careful not to confuse shopping with sex! Recent struggles with authority will soon start moving toward resolution. This is a great time to make a case for yourself and to gather others to your support. Your opponents are strong now, but very susceptible to your charm.

SCORPIO: Your personality can be a bit overwhelming at times. Now you're queen of your domain, being more regal than egalitarian in domestic matters. If you're not living alone you and your housemates may agree that it would be a good idea. This shall pass soon; just try to be nice in the meantime. Eroticizing the boudoir is a helpful diversion. You can be especially creative at work now. Tempted though you are to proclaim your improvements to all concerned, enjoy your creativity quietly and let results speak for themselves. Some heated discussion is inevitable, but greet other perspectives graciously and they will help you.

SAGITTARIUS: Feeling a bit argumentive? Peevish with the many morons who surround you? You really do need *some* time alone to meditate, sort out your thoughts and feelings. When people get on your nerves, they're only reminding you of inner conflicts. (That notion is vastly overdone in general, but very true right now!) I said *some* time alone; not a lot! Your playful and sexy side is still very strong; in some ways much stronger than usual. A little solitude will only highlight your appeal. You can soon (and finally!) resolve challenges that have been hanging over your head these last few months. This is a good time to get those issues into a fresh, creative perspective.

CAPRICORN: Expect some struggles over money very soon. You've been feeling very pinched lately, but your friends think you're less pinched than pinching. Try to be diplomatic, but do take a look at your finances and your expectations. You need to find a new balance, and not just in your ledger sheets. Money is in fact tight these days, but your current tendency to obsess on your financial condition is counterproductive. Domestic conflicts also come up right about now, but at home you are—at least for now—enjoying a golden tongue. This is an excellent time to renegotiate any house rules.

AQUARIUS: Work has been mighty frustrating lately, but now you can start charging forward. Well, be very careful how you charge. You are suddenly very charming and gracious with equals, but if there's any difference in status or rank you could easily get too pushy. You're just itching for a challenge; so pick one that won't get you into trouble, or one that is worth the trouble. Also, within your peer group you may be charming and gracious, but that could get you stuck with a lunch tab or other ridiculous expenses. Money comes and goes very easily right now. *Happy Birthday: Will Kalb, Audrey Schambach and Scott Jordan!*

PISCES: Your playful side sometimes gets the better of you. OK, any of your many sides can easily get the best of you, but right now your enthusiasm—infectious and joyous as it is—can prove very expensive. Your creativity knows no bounds, so stay clear on inexpensive ways to have fun. This weekend will offer deep spiritual challenges, pitting your inner experience against certain teachings. Something you're learning is raising uncomfortable truths from your gut. The truth can set you free; sometimes it hurts like hell at first, but thereby comes empowerment. *Happy Birthday: Lydia McMahon, David Starkevich, and Ray Moreno!*

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"Are Your Entitlements to Blame for the Federal Deficit?" a talk by Martha McSteel, president of the Nat'l Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare. 6 pm, $6. UCSF, 3333 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Memorial tribute to the late prose writer/poet Melvin Dixon (*Trouble the Water* and *Vanishing Rooms*) with readings from his work by Brian Freeman and Alan Miller. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: "An Evening with Ache," readings by contributors to the journal for African-American lesbians. Natalie Devora and others read new work. 8 pm, $3-10 admission benefits Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/3.

FEB 12 / F R I

Deadline to Register for Shanti Project's next peer support volunteer training (2/19-21 & 27). Training prepares new support volunteers to provide peer counseling & help with everyday tasks (cooking, cleaning, laundry & shopping) to people with AIDS. Info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby Klink 777-CARE.

6th Annual Nat'l Black Gay & Lesbian Conference & Institutes continues thru 2/15 at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach, Calif. This year's theme, "Black Lesbians & Gays: Building Bridges, Making Connections," will focus on the need to bridge the gaps that separate us around issues of gender, race & sexual orientation. Guest speakers include Angela Davis & Bell Hooks. Brandy Moore of SF will receive the Bayard Rustin Award and United Lesbians of African Heritage will receive the Harriet Tubman Award. Info: (213) 666-5495.

Overnight Reno Trip for People with HIV/AIDS: Spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. Total cost (includes bus fare & hotel): $35. You'll receive $24 in cash & coupons, making your total cost $11. For info & reg call 777-CARE.

Marin BACW TGIF & WCD: Marin Bay Area Career Women's Thank God It's Friday and We Can Dance in the Wine Cellar at the Holiday Inn in San Rafael—Take 101 North to the Frietas Parkway Exit. Turn right at the 2nd light, continue uphill to the Holiday Inn. Join BACW for chips & dips, dissolve the week's stress! 7-8 pm social hour, 8-11 pm dancing. $8. Info: Susan 892-0509.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 2/19. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Knives Class with Pat Califia & Robin Sweeney. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Learn how to use knives, scalpels & other sharp things for dramatic effect & cutting. Class includes tips on how to shop for, sharpen & care for your knives. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Author Erika Makino reads from her collection of short stories, *Six of Cups: A Circle of Stories*. 7:30 pm. WA. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

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"Muff Diva," Lesbian comic Lea DeLaria and her jazz quartet give a unique blend of raucous, often vulgar, no-holds-barred comedy and sultry jazz. Plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 2/21, with added 10 pm shows tonight & 2/19. Tix $12. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe: Eve of acoustic music & comedy with Bern, Flo Stigmata and MC Nora Frala. 8 pm, $5, tonight & tmw at 485 14th St, SF. Info: 626-2085.

Club nZinga Int'l Dance Party at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Info: 282-3325.

At Sugar Shack Performance Gallery: Night of fine jazz with *D'armous Boone Collective*. 10 pm, $4, tonight & 2/19 & 26. 430 Haight St, SF. Info: 241-0117.

SF Lesbian & Gay Film Fest in 90 Minutes: A program presented by Frameline as part of KQED's "Living Room Festival". See 16 short works that convey the essence of new lesbian & gay styles & sensibilities. Program includes: Peter Edward Maxwell's *Helms = Death*, Megan Silver's *First Base;* Sadie Benning's *Me & Rubyfruit;* Sarah Whitely's *Passing;* Nina Dabek's *Seth's Aunt;* Bohdan Zachary's *Loverville;* David Weissman's *976-*; Heidi Kull's *Frau Berger & Me;* Marlon Riggs' *Anthem;* Min-Yuen S. Ma's *Aura;* Ingrid Wilhite's *The Lesbian Impress Card* and James Raymond's *Fingered*. 11 pm, KQED Channel 9.

FEB 13 / S A T

Theatre Rhino Auditions for "Coconut," a musical fable written by Adele Prandini, with music by Jeanine Strobel and choreography by Anne Bluthenthal. Wkshop production begins in March, full production in June. Roles: 1F (of color, 40-50); 1F (of color, 20-30); 1F (30-40); 1F (20-30); 2F (non-speaking dancers); 1M (Caucasian, 50s); 1M (French accent, 40-50); 1M (Latino, 40-50); 1M (African-American, African/British accent, 40-50). All roles singing & dancing. Auditions today thru 2/16 call 552-4100 for info/appt.

St Mary's/Moraga Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Rte 24 East to Orinda Exit. Turn right on Moraga Way, continue 5+ miles. Turn left at light in Moraga on Canyon Way/Moraga Road. Bear right at next light onto St Mary's Road. Turn immediately right into first parking lot on left. Meet at 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: One-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, spons by Options Institute. 10 am-4 pm, $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

Benefit Sale for the American Indian Family Healing Center for Native American Women. 11 am-6 pm today, noon-5 pm tmw at JJ Taylor's Pueblo Gallery, 3864 Piedmont Ave, Oakl. Gallery features authentic Native American arts & crafts. The AIFHC provides a safe place & holistic services for American Indian women seeking the healing of self & family. Info: (510) 652-4040.

Conscious Loving Wkshop: For Women & their partners, singles & couples. An experiential workshop designed to allow women to explore "your connection, commitment & vision in having all that you want in love & life." Learn effective ways to stop arguments as well as increase fun & positive energy in all of your relationships. Led by Amy Jane Cheney. 1:30-5 pm, $45. Two Sisters Bookstore, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Info/reg: 647-1492. For directions call 323-4478.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. For location & other info call Jon 731-2424.

Valentine Craft Mart: Benefit for the Spanner defendants in England who are being prosecuted for consensual s/m among adults. Craftspeople offer their whips, canes, paddles & other s/m toys for sale. At 3:30 pm Pat Califia will conduct an auction—everything auctioned is new & has been donated by a local shop or artisan. 2-5 pm in a private SF space. $4 admission at door. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of programs for the s/m community. Call 550-7776 for location & other info.

Valentine's Concert special with legendary song stylist Johnny Mathis. 8 pm tonight & 7 pm tmw at the Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde & Grove, SF. Info/tix: (510) 762-BASS.

Margie Adam in Concert at IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat in Bodega. Celebration of the release of her new album, "Another Place". Info: (707) 876-3004.

Saints Alive Awards & Auction to benefit programs at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF: Fantastic food, fine wines, live music. Honorees: Ruth Brinker, Nancy Pelosi, Danny Glover, Glenda Hope, Cleve Jones, Ignatius Bau, Brownie Mary and James Hormel. 6-9 pm, live auction 7:30-9 pm, with auctioner Bob Ross, *BAR* publisher. At the Design Pavilion, 200 Kansas St, SF. Tix $9.75. Info/tix: Ross Fish 626-4394.

Exotic Fortunes: Special benefit performance of this acclaimed one-man show, written & performed by Patrick Lee. Proceeds benefit the Asian premiere of the show at the 2nd annual Asian People's Theatre Festival in Hong Kong. "Exotic Fortunes" is an intimate & authentically wacky journey thru SF Chinatown, exploring cultural, racial & inter-generational issues—along with feminist & sexual politics—with irreverence & humor. 7:30 pm show, 8:30 pm reception (complimentary hors d'oeuvres & no-host bar). Yank Sing Restaurant, 427 Battery St at Clay, SF. Tix $9-18 SL donation. Info/res: 474-0269.

4th Annual Ache Erotica Reading at Modern Times Bookstore, with Natalie Devora, Stephanie Smith, Cara Page, Dawn Rudd & Blake C Aarens. Also performance by erotic dancer Terri Letherage. Tix $5-8 SL fee. 888 Valencia St at 20th, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria and her jazz quartet, see 2/12.

Valentine's Concert at Mama Bears with *Wild Hearts* (Robin Flower, Libby McLauren & Nancy Vogl). Night of progressive folk & wild country. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Special Valentine's Eve performance of Phillip R Ford's "Dolls" to benefit Shanti Project. "Dolls" is Ford's new cross-gender, multimedia stage adaptation of the 1967 flick, "Valley of the Dolls". Tix include post-show reception with cast. An eve of fun & high camp, call Andrew Wood for tix info 776-8999.

Concert at The Blue Muse: Unusual jazz standards, restyled contemporary tunes & updated folk songs with vocalist Ellen Robinson, Kevin Gersevitz, piano. 9 pm, $6. 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF. Info: 626-7505.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Johnny's Problem, Genuine Diamelles* and *Wolfticket*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Scott Silverman and Karla Carmony. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 14 / S U N

Theatre Rhino Auditions—See 2/13.

Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Community HIV Project (GCHP) and UCSF seek gay/bisexual Asian or Pacific Islander men to fill out two mail-in questionnaires and possibly attend a one-night, three-hour safer sex workshop, part of a collaborative study to assess AIDS risk behavior in the Asian/Pacific Islander community. Study takes 3 months to complete, a stipend of $40 is given at the end of the project. All information is confidential. Info: 575-3932 (recorded message) or call Prescott 575-3939.

Valentine's Day Sunday Brunch with Piano Music at The Little Gourmet, Contra Costa's only gay restaurant! 11 am-3 pm, call (510) 930-0300 for reservations.

50th Anniversary Benefit Dinner celebrating the men & women veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who "fought the good fight" for the Spanish Republic in 1937. This year's event features a special tribute to African-Americans involved in that struggle. Special appearances by actor/activist Martin Sheen, Stanford professor Clayborne Carson (*The Papers of Martin Luther King, Vol 1; Malcolm X: The FBI File*), Univ of Michigan professor Robin DG Kelley (*Hammer & the Hoe: Alabama Communists During the Great Depression*); Robert Allen, senior editor of *The Black Scholar* and author of *Port Chicago Mutiny*, and others. Musical entertainment provided by *Vocal Motion*. Festivities start at noon, no-host bar & dinner served at 1 pm. Tix $25. Parc Oakland Hotel, 1001 Broadway at 10th St, Oakl. Proceeds benefit Oakland youth programs. Info/res: (415) 468-5870.

Medicine Cards Wkshop with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

Women, Politics & Creativity: Wkshop with Margie Adam explores the movement of creative thought to creative action. 1-4 pm at IMA Cultural Center in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.

Valentine's Day Party & Raffle: Benefit spons by We Care Bay Area, a non profit organization that provides financial, physical & emotional support to those faced with illness whose needs are not being met by other agencies. 2-7 pm, $5 donation. Whispers, 355 19th St, Oakl. Info: 282-1911.

Men Pleasuring Men group led by John Sabel & Matthew Simmons, meets at Eros. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 2-5 pm today & 2/21, 28. 2051 Market at Church, SF. $20. Info: 864-3767.

Valentine's Day Dance Party presented by Glide Church's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Family group. 2-6 pm, $5-15 SL fee benefits Glide's HIV & AIDS programs. Everyone welcome, no one turned away for lack of funds. DJ: Faster Pussycat's Downtown Donna. At Caffe Esprit, 499 Illinois St at 3rd, SF.

Naked Tribal Heat: An ecstatic dance affair welcoming men as members of the tribe of men who love men. Come breathe, dance, touch & share erotic energy in a loving, ecstatic ritual, discover an alternative way of being high in a substance-free environment, release the shame & guilt that keeps us from loving ourselves & other men. Towels & refreshments provided. 4-10 pm (you must arrive no later than 4:45 pm, dance ritual begins at 5 pm). Tix $20 per person, $30 couples. At 60 Brady St, nr Market & Gough, SF. Adv tix available only at A Different Light Bookstore, SF, call the Tribal Hotline: John 552-3033 or Scott 552-3984 for info.

Rainbow Express Valentine's Day Dance: Alcohol/smoke-free dance for women, with DJ Laney G at Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St (off Hwy 12), Sebastopol. 6-11 pm, $6-10 SL fee, $3 after 9 pm. Info: 829-0797.

Valentine's Day Steppin' Out Benefit Dance: (Two-Steppin' that is!) Proceeds benefit Presbyterian More Light Ministries. Guest of Honor: Rev Janie Spahr. 6-9:30 pm at 7th Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1329 7th Ave at Irving, SF. Tix $10. All welcome! Refreshments served. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 664-2543.

Johnny Mathis Valentine's Day Concert at the Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde, SF. 7 pm. Info/tix: (510) 762-BASS.

"Stop Apartheid's Violence: Making the Links btwn Soweto & Oakland," pro-

gram presented by the Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network (BAAAN). See the African National Congress (ANC) video, *The Bisho Massacre*, about the killing of over 30 peaceful demonstrators by the military last Sept in Ciskei, South Africa. Also guest speaker Dumisani Khumalo of the American Committee on Africa (ACOA) discusses the political forces behind the escalating violence in the townships; and Richmond substance abuse specialist Bobby Bowens discusses the links btwn racist violence in US cities and the South African govt's attempts to divide & factionalize the Black majority. 7-9 pm donation requested (music & refreshments provided). Humanist Hall, 411 28th St, Oakl. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (510) 652-9905.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Biographer Robert Schanke reads from his book, *Shattered Applause: The Lives of Eva Le Galliene*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

P-FLAG Mtg: Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays meets 2-4 pm every 2nd Sun of the month at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church at Market, SF. Tonight's meeting highlights speakers from the SF Couples Group. Info: 921-8850.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12.

GAWK Celebration: Gay Artists & Writers Kollective celebrates 7 years of service to the community with readings and performances by Sam Ambler, Z Budapest, Daniel Curzon, Jack Fertig, Rik Isensee & Jon Sugar at Modern Times Bookstore, 19th & Valencia, SF. 8 pm, free. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Valentine's Day Dance for Women at Bedrock, the new women's alternative club. 9 pm-4 am, $8. The Back Room at 174 King St at 3rd, SF. Fun includes erotic entertainment, DJ DRC & guest DJ. 2 levels of fun! Call the hotline 512-5788 for more info.

FEB 15 / MON

Theatre Rhino Auditions—See 2/13.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Curing Codependency," An all-day workshop led by therapist Chari Davidson. 10 am-5 pm, $25-40 SL. Wkshop fills fast, sign-up early! Call (707) 575-8879 for info/res. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa.

Bi-Friendly SF meets 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm. Group focuses on shared personal experiences by men from all spiritual/religious traditions. Tonight's topic: Sexuality & Spirituality. First in a monthly series at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Suzy Berger at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Echoes of Chaos, 8 1/2* and *Ass Canyon Fleas*. 8 pm, free. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

FEB 16 / T U E

Theatre Rhino Auditions for upcoming play, see 2/13 listing for details. Final day!

Stop AIDS Project Couples Meeting: Join in a frank discussion of the impact HIV has had on men in couples. Topics include how other couples keep it together, sex in and outside of the relationship, communication & how being in a couple changes how you see yourself in the community. To attend, call the Stop AIDS Project at 621-7177 and say you want to sign up for a couples workshop.

Gray Panthers Monthly Mtg: Today's topic: Health Care Mobilization. 12:30 pm social, 1 pm program. Gray Panthers is an advocacy group working on issues important to all generations. Everyone welcome! Info: 552-8800.

Marin BACW Billiards: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of billiards in San Rafael. 6:30 pm. Info: Lynne 457-4866.

A Spiritual Approach to Healing Trauma & Abuse for Women: First in a series of 6 weekly classes utilizing Goddess-based & earth-centered spiritual practice to focus on the healing needs of women. Series designed for women healing traumatic life experiences & issues. Classes take place in sacred ritual space invoking Goddess archetypes that guide us thru our healing journeys, utilizing prayer, meditation, releasing, energy raising & various spiritual techniques for healing ourselves. Beginners welcome! 7-9 pm, 2/16-3/23, $90-150 SL fee for entire series, $20-25 per class. Partial work exchange available. No one turned away for lack of funds. Near Rockridge BART Station. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

Angela Davis (l) and Bell Hooks are the featured speakers at the 6th Nat'l Black, Gay & Lesbian Conference. Calendar has info.

"The Psychic World of Pets," a talk by Rev Edmond Boles, minister & co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by actor/model Andy Tabbat. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Call 621-6294 to reserve space.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm tonight & 2/23 for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia in Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Erotic Reading Circle for Women at Good Vibrations: Keep the Valentine's flame burning! Bring your own erotic vision to share at GV's monthly circle. Women of all preferences & proclivities are welcome! Bring any erotic writing—published or unpublished, smutty or sublime, yours or someone else's—and share it with the group. Non-judgmental listening guaranteed, punctuality appreciated. 8-10 pm, free, women only. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. 974-8980.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *After Shock* and *Gottaowee*. 8 pm, $2. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Dyke rock band *Sex & Drums* at the Covered Wagon Saloon with headliner *Mecca Normal* and *Ellen Jr* opening. Doors open at 9 pm, show at 10. Free!

Pushy drag queen Ann Drogynous takes over the Lavender Lounge tonight and hosts "Androgynous Night at Dekadence" featuring lots of closeups of the very-hot Dekadance go-go boys. Show also includes highlights of Ann's recent cabaret hit at Josie's, "The Kid Herself." Special guest Matthew Martin. Tonight & 2/23 on SF cable channel 51.

FEB 17 / W E D

Inner Peace in a Climate of Unrest Wkshop with Robin Stuart, MFC #29894. Find attitudinal strength against the violence of others, practice conscious living in an unconscious world. Free, donations accepted. Noe Valley, SF location. All welcome. Info/res: 821-4740.

Eastbay Swimmers Mtg: Discuss the Eastbay effort for Gay Games IV (NYC, June 1994), and organize swim workouts. Swimmers of all ages, sexes & abilities are welcome! At the Teaspot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo btwn University & Addison, Berkeley. Light meal available at 6:30 pm, 7-8:30 pm mtg. Info: Chris (510) 649-1408.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Career Development for Artists: Spons by LVA (Lesbian Visual Artists). Women with all levels of experience in site logistics, programming, outreach & promotion and fundraising are welcome to attend the first planning meeting for LVA's new spring series, "Career Development for Artists". Please attend if you'd like to contribute to the series, or learn more about LVA. 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd floor. Info: 821-2975.

Martha Courtot & Judy Freespirit (both formerly with Fat Women's Dance/Performance Group) give a reading of their works-in-progress at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 7 pm, $5. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Novelist Jenifer Levin reads from her new book *Sea of Light*. 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Fisting & Buttplay Class at Eros, led by Robert Morgan. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Rubber Crazy: Hot Sex With Condoms—Wkshop led by Clark Taylor, PhD, at Eros. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Tantra Sex Play Class led by Scott Eaton & Daniel Raymond at Eros. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 7:30-10 pm, $10. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Yonder Comes a Day: Solo performance work written & performed by actress/storyteller/performance artist Marijo. Work tells the story of JD, a young African American man who is dealing with AIDS, as seen by his family, friends & others. 7:30 pm, $10. Tonight & tmw at La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Proceeds benefit three AIDS service organizations, AMASSI (African American AIDS Support Service & Survival Institute), Ark of Love, Inc and Hale Laulima. Info: AMASSI (510) 601-9066.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12.

FEB 18 / T H U

At Alexander Book Co: Jenifer Levin signs copies of her new novel, *The Sea of Light*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Responding with the Heart: A celebration of Black History Month spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Night of good food, great music & fine entertainment at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. 6:30-9:30 pm, donations welcome (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: 864-5855.

Beyond Expectations— Making Friendships & Relationships Work: Wkshop spons by Debra Rein & Sonika Tinker of LoveWorks, spons by Bay Area Career Women (BACW). 7-9:30 pm, $10. Ft Mason Center, SF. Room A-2. Info/res: 495-5393.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Memorial Reading from the works of the late poet/author Audre Lorde (*Cancer Journals, Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*). 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

Tantra Yoga Exercise Class led by Ganymede. An eve of chanting, breathing & movement exercises. Doing tantra in a group can be an energizing & exhilarating experience. The exercises offered are not specifically sexual, and will not be done in pairs. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-9:30 in a private SF space. $15-10 SL fee. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Info: 550-7776. **At Tea Spot Cafe:** Concert with Carol Denney, Suzanne Cimone & Jill Garellick. 8 pm, $2-5 SL fee. 2872 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12.

At Sugar Shack Performance Gallery: Fine jazz stylings with *Quartet of 5*. 9 pm, $4, tonight & 2/25. 430 Haight St, SF. Info: 241-0117.

FEB 19 / F R I

Women's Spirituality Group spons by Spectrum meets 6:30 pm for a potluck, mask-making & slumber party. $3 for dinner. $5 for mask materials. Info/res: 457-1115. Newcomers welcome!

Women's Country Western Class & Dance—see 2/12 listing for details.

Gourmet Dinner Benefit for AIDS Emergency Fund: Several of SF's most talented chefs (Fred Halpert, Brava Terrace; Jan Birnbaum, Campton Place; Albert Ranler, Hyde Street Bistro; Nancy Oaks, L'Avenue; Peter Harvey, Pan Pacific Hotel; Patrizio Sacchetto, Ristorante Donatello; Joyce Goldstein, Square One; Robert Gatto & Robin Huntley, Taste) contribute food, time & creativity to create a spectacular dinner for tonight's AIDS Emergency Fund Awards Dinner. Event also includes entertainment with singer Jo Carol, *The Ethel Merman Memorial Choir*, *EDLOS* and others. Plus silent auction of donated goods & services. Tix $75. Tix & other info: Winslow & Associates 695-1449 or the AIDS Emergency Fund 441-6407.

Interfaith Service for Peace spons by the Berkeley Interfaith Council, Berkeley Buddhist Temple and the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. 7:30 pm at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, 2121 Channing near Shattuck, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-1356. Coffee & tea served after service.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Come celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan! Potluck, videos & fun. 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Acid Tongue," an eve of acid-tongued poetry & prose with Si Sirocco (*Edge City*) and Danielle Willis (*Dogs in Lingerie*). 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Love Hangover (A Cure for those Valentine's Day Blues): Concert at Intersection for the Arts with J Raoul Brody and his *Experimental Love Orchestra*. 8 pm tonight & tmw, $10 per night, $15 for both. Tonight's line-up includes French cabaret styling with *Salut Matelot*, improv music with Ralph Carney & Friends, a cappella with *PMS*, songs by Jim Hyden, plus Merle Kessler & Laurie Amat. 2/20 program: Merle Kessler, the *Hesla/Robinson Big Band* plus the amazing Jo-Carol and Edith Rules, and Henry Steele. 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311. Proceeds benefit Intersection.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12 listing for details.

Club nZinga Int'l Dance Party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Jazz at Sugar Shack—See 2/14.

Queer rock with *Pansy Division* at The Chameleon, 853 Valencia St, SF. With Ford & Panda. 11 pm, $4.

FEB 20 / S A T

Basic Home Repair for Women: Class spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Learn how to repair wires & plugs on your lamps, vacuum cleaner & other appliances. Hands-on experience with the tools & materials related to home electrical repair. Learn to wire switches & outlets, and attach fixtures. Taught by Women Empowering Women, an organization of women in the trades. 9 am-4 pm, $40-60 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room N517. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for reg/info.

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Drive or Shasta Road. Continue on to Wildcat Canyon Road & follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Point. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

Enlightenment 101: An intro to the art of Awakening. Wkshop with Fourth Way teacher Robert Daniel Ennis. Until we come to know & love ourselves we can help no one. This class presents the basics of the art of transformation, teaching how to create a Fair Witness in our lives. 10 am-4 pm, $50. Tayu Center, Sebastopol. Donation requested. Info/reg: (707) 829-9579.

"When Mom Gets Sick," A Brunch for HIV Positive Women: Discuss how to tell your child or other family members that you're HIV positive, how to get support from them, find out what resources are available. Come hear what other women have done when faced with these issues. Discussion facilitated by Geri Brooks, PhD, executive director of Sunburst, a national camp for children with HIV/AIDS and their families. Spons by WORLD. 10:30 am-2 pm, free (food provided, but you're welcome to bring something to share). 440 Rich St (off 42nd, btwn Telegraph & Webster), Oakl. Info: (510) 658-6930. Please call ahead if you need childcare or transportation.

Antique American Indian & Ethnographic Art Show & Sale: 9th annual event at Marin Civic Center, Exhibit Hall, and Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom. Features pre-1940 western, African, Asian, Mexican, Indonesian, Oceanic & pre-Columbian pottery, baskets, sculptures, beadwork, carpets, folk art, furniture & paintings. Info: 472-3500. 11 am-6 pm today & tmw.

Hands-on Recording Class with June Millington: 4 sessions (2/20-21, 27-28, noon-6 pm), topics range from the demystification of goings-on in the recording studio to, through the recording and mixing of participants' original works. IMA Cultural Center in Bodega. Info: (707) 876-3004.

Erotic Shaving for Perverts Class with Noni Howard. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Shaving can be an s/m scene in itself, or can be incorporated into a larger scene. Noni uses plucking, waxing, clipping & razors to remove hair. Doors open at 12:30, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. $15. Info: 550-7776.

Torture in Calif At Pelican Bay State Prison: Program spons by the Pelican Bay Information Project. Features uncensored video footage of the Pelican Bay Security Housing Unit, cultural presentation by Rhodessa Jones, and speakers including John Irwin, PhD, author of *Prisons in Turmoil*, Louis Talamantez, ex-political prisoner, poet & co-director of Pelican Bay Information Project and Kiilu Nyasha, producer of KPFA's "Freedom is a Constant Struggle" and former Black Panther. 2-5 pm, donation requested. Third Baptist Church, Pierce & McAllister, SF. Info: 821-6545. Wheelchair Accessible.

Act of Intimacy: Debbie Moore & XPlicit Players bring nude street activism into performance rituals that "smash the walls of social conformity to take audiences into tribal customs of tenderness, body-reading & touch. 5 pm, $12. New College, 777 Valencia St, near 16th St BART, SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

Audre Lorde Birthday Commemoration: Celebrate the life and work of Black lesbian, feminist, warrior poet Audre Lorde (1934-1992) at First Presbyterian Church, 27th St & Broadway, Oakl. 6-8 pm: Gathering & Ritual—drumming, art display, video, altar building, food & beverages available for purchase; admission free. 8 pm: Benefit performance—poetry, prose, lots of music & dancing. $15-25 at the door (tix available in advance at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, SF, call 821-4675).

Meeting Men Party spons by Human Awareness Institute. Discover the path of gay intimacy, thru guided exercises & heart connections in pairs. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore (489 Castro St, SF) or call 239-7839.

Love Hangover at Intersection—see 2/19 listing. Final night!

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12.

Dignity Pax et Bonum Dinner Dance & Awards Presentation: Tonight's annual event marks the 20th anniversary of Dignity, the organization of lesbian, gay & bisexual Catholics & friends, in San Francisco. Honorees: SF Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, the Filipino Task Force on AIDS and Dignity members Rev Tom Ryan and Thomas Kaun. Event held at the ANA Hotel. For tix & other info call 255-9244.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: "A Concert in the Round," with Vicki Randle, Carol McComb, Chris Webster & Nina Gerber. Doors open at 8, concert starts at 8:30 pm. $8-11 donation at door. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Mama Bears: Night of hilarious comedy improv & music with the wild & witty Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon) comedy troupe. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Concert at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse with Carol McComb, Vicki Randal, Chris Webster & Nina Gerber. Doors open at 8 pm, concert at 8:30. Tix $8-11 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Eve of comedy & music—lots of laughs with comic Amy Boyd, fine tunes with singer/songwriter Laura Chandler; joined by Cris Hart, Todd Moore & special guest Becky West. 8 pm, $7. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 282-8589.

Bondage Party: Buddies seek fellow bondage aficionados & other versatile players for friendly hot play in equipped space. 9 pm. Info: 292-3228.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *The Clarke Nova* and *Swirl Happy*. 9 pm, $3. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Karen Ripley, Doug Holsclaw & Michael Tee. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

All Women Bands Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Malibu Barbie, Tribe 8* and *Gash*. $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

FEB 21 / S U N

Motorcyle Run with Pegasus MOC: To Sacramento to visit the famed railroad museum, via the Delta. Non-members are welcome! 9 am check-in outside

parents & kids box

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group meets this month. Call 457-1115 for details. Spons by Spectrum.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 2/13 Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents "The Yellow Submarine," an adaptation of the Beatles' film. 2/20: Amiguitos de La Pena present stories & songs with Machael Litsky & Ariel Grey. 2/27: Plum City Players—songs, stories & games with Bonnie, Nancy & Annie. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Classes begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. Schedule: **Black History Month Programs**, all classes $4 per person. 2/13: "Shadow Boxes" with Patty Yancey, use printed text, feathers, "gems" and other neat stuff in this 3-D assemblage project to make your own expression of the meaning of love. 2/20: "Extraordinary Collage," with Leona Beasley. Examine the work of African American collage artists, then make your own. 2/27: Jazz Movement Wkshop with Roger Dillahunty. Lots of fun! Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF.

2nd Int'l Children's Film Festival at Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley: Wonderful selection of films for children presented at matinee screenings on Sat & Sun thru 2/27. Entertaining, high quality films from around the world. 1:30 pm on 2/20 & 27. Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $3 per person. Info/res: (510) 642-1412.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

At SFJCC: Eliot Fintushel of the Mime Workshop joins other guest performers in a benefit program for kids of all ages, 2/28, 1:30-2:30 m at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Hour-long show of singing, dancing & clowning, followed by cast party with all the performers. Program also features "Dance Kaiso," a colorful troupe of Caribbean dancers & drummers, and James Tyrone Wallace, professional actor & storyteller extraordinaire. Tix: $5 per child, $8 per adult or $20 in advance for a family of 4. Proceeds benefit the JCC's Afterschool Program scholarships and Young Audiences of the Bay Area. Info/res: 346-6040.

Castro Station, SF. For info call Ed (510) 531-5243.

Antique American Indian & Ethnographic Art Show & Sale at Marin Civic Center: Final day! See 2/20 listing for details.

Southbay Jewish Dykes Sunday Potluck Brunch Group meets 11:30 am-2:30 pm at Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Come shmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish dykes. Bring a dish to share. Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Protest Rape Crimes in Bosnia: National day of protest against the rape atrocities in the former Yugoslavia (currently the US govt does not consider rape to be a human rights violation, and the United Nations has been effectively silent on this crisis). Demo organized by the SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) calls for both the US & IM to recognize rape as a human rights violation & respond appropriately to this crisis. Meet at noon at United Nations Plaza, 8th & Market St, SF. Info: Elizabeth Toledo or Jackie Piscatello 861-8880 or 861-8960.

Men Pleasuring Men at Eros, see 2/14 listing for details.

Shanti Project Benefit at SF Eagle, SF's popular leather bar, raises funds to help send People With AIDS to the March on Washington. Fun begins at 3 pm, $8 tix includes food, soda & beer. 12th & Harrison, SF.

Salsa Party at El Rio with *Salsa Caliente*, plus DJ contest to benefit Bernal & 28 Heights Community Center. 4-8 pm, $3. Door prizes! 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Guys & Dolls Benefit performance for the Actors' Fund of America, the nation's only human service organization for entertainment professionals. 8 pm at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF. For tix & other info call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Award-winning Chicano poet Luis Rodriguez reads from his new autobiographical work, *Always Running: A Memoir of La Vida Loca Gang Days in LA*. He will be joined by his son Ramiro, currently a member of a Chicago-area youth gang. 8 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"Muff Diva," with lesbian comic Lea DeLaria and her jazz quartet at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/12 listing for details. Final performance!

Rubber Club Party spons by Asian AIDS Project. This month's theme: "The Rubber Club takes Broadway". Night of song, lipsynchs & several scenes from their upcoming play, "Dates". 10 pm, at N'Touch, 1548 Polk St, SF. For more info or to volunteer call Dominic 227-0946.

FEB 22 / MON

Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Cane Toads, Dime Box* and *Hal Marcus*. 8 pm, free. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FEB 23 / T U E

"No Trifling Matter: Talking About Black Women's Health," informal talk by *SF Chronicle* reporter Evelyn C White. White discusses her latest work, *The Black Women's Health Book: Speaking for Ourselves* and addresses the sociocultural barriers that prevent African-American women from getting & staying well. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & the UCSF Black Caucus Black Heritage Month Committee. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5836.

Shanti Project Board of Directors Mtg: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome. Info: Craig Barnard 777-CARE.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Editor Suzanne Sherman reads from & signs copies of her book, *Lesbian & Gay Marriage*, a collection of personal narratives intimately exploring the issue of same-sex marriage. Couples featured in the book will also be present to sign copies. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"The Dawn Ships of Light Network," presentation by Charles Jordan at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Lesbians & Self-Defense is the topic of tonight's Lesbian Uprising! Political Mtg: Do you identify with the traditional nonviolent approach? Do you own a gun & know how to use it? Discuss the dynamics of using guns & other weapons. For location & other info call 661-3886.

Styles of Play: Class spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Wolfie demonstrates "Wild Animal Play" and Hal demonstrates "Playing with Fire." Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info: 550-7776.

Acting Like Animals Wkshop at Eros with Jerry Zientara. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. Info: 864-3767. 2051 Market St at Church, SF.

Intro to S/M at Eros, with Steven Brown and Scarlet Woman. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Part of Eros' Sex/Life Series. 2051 Market St at Church, SF. Info: 864-3767.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 2/16.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret: Horvitz tells the story leading to the sudden, disfiguring car accident that left Sammy Davis Jr without an eye just as the star was gaining mainstream acceptance. Horvitz's solo performance recounts the truth of what happened to Davis that night in and near Las Vegas while demonstrating what might be created if an entertainer turned his real life drama into a musical comedy act. Horvitz presents this story first, then shifts his focus from the Black entertainer facing racism to the implicity gay performer facing homophobia, by using a style, showmanship & pop-cultural referencing that is identifiably and traditionally queer. Show plays Tues-Sun thru 3/7 at 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Slough Feg*. 8 pm, $2. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Pushy drag queen Ann Drogynous on Lavender Lounge—see 2/16 listing for details. Don't miss!

FEB 24 / WED

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Gay Games IV Eastbay Mtg: Discuss the Eastbay's efforts for the upcoming Games (NYC, June 1994). Swimmers, runners, bowlers, triathletes, tennis players, basketball & volleyball teams and other athletes of all ages, sexes & abilities are welcome! At the Teaspot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave btwn University & Addison, Berkeley. Light meals available at 6:30 pm, mtg from 7-8:30 pm. Info: Chris (510) 649-1408.

Peace Corps Community Forum & Film Show: 7-9 pm at Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, SF. Room 370. Recruiters on hand with applications & info regarding current volunteer opportunities. Info: (800) 292-2461, ext 325.

Remote Viewing: Dr Ed May, parapsychologist, ex-nuclear physicist and director of Menlo Park's Cognitive Science Research Laboratory, discusses his extensive research findings on remote viewing. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Calif Society for Psychical Study, 2924 Benvenue Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 339-8040.

Open Lesbian & Gay Reading at Modern Times Bookstore. Queer writers are urged to spread their wings & soar at tonight's open reading—both writers & listeners of prose & poetry are welcome to participate in a supportive atmosphere of peers. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Sexual Self-Assertion Wkshop at Good Vibrations: GV founder Joani Blank and Marie Acacia lead this workshop on how to get what you want in bed, or wherever else you do it. Topics include fear of rejection, judgment from our partners, worries that we don't deserve to get what we want, shyness about using explicit language & the concern that we won't like what we've asked for once we get it. 8-10 pm, $20. Everyone welcome! 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/23.

FEB 25 / T H U

At Alexander Book Co: Poetry reading with Thomas Avena, Christopher Bernard, James Bybee & William Talcott, with special musical appearance by acoustic guitarist Fred Larose. Part of Jerry Thompson's ongoing Rhythm River Poetry Series. 5:30-7:30 pm, readings begin at 6. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

At Kepler's Books: Journalist/author Kay Mills discusses her book, *This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer*, the first full-length biography of this heroic woman who was a leader in the civil rights movement. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 324-4321. 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Philip Horvitz's "Yes I Can" at Josie's Cabaret, see 2/23.

Classical Trash at SFJCC: Off-beat duo presents a delightful musical journey to countries & cultures around the world. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Acoustics iwth Dana Jaye, originals with Biaja Solomon, favorites & originas with Pam Branden. 8 pm, $2-5 SL fee. 2872 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

At Sugar Shack Performance Gallery: Fine jazz stylings with *Quartet of 5*. 9 pm, $4. 430 Haight St, SF. Info: 241-0117.

galleries

An exhibit of African fertility dolls and AIDS micrographic images will be shown at La Pena Cultural Ctr in Berkeley.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 4/25. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850-1903); thru 5/2. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, 3/4-6/6. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Willliam Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit 2/21-5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, in exhibit 2/21-5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

"About-Face," a mask invitational involving Bay Area artists from a variety of ethnic backgrounds in a timely dialogue on Black-Jewish relations. Participating artists created masks which integrate themes of the Jewish festival of Purim with themes from the museum's recent exhibit "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews." Hrs: Sun-Wed 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-7 pm. The Jewish Museum, 121 Steuart St, SF. Info: 543-8880.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Annie Leibovitz Photographs," exhibit covering 20 years' worth of work, thru 3/14; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," thru 2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: Kim Abeles, "Presidential Commemorative Smog Plates," Hans Staartjes, "Televisionary Manifesto," Kelly Wood, "Lurch," on exhibit 3/4-4/10, opening reception 3/5, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18; "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, thru 2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Eye Gallery: "Clinton: Portrait of Victory," photos by PF Bentley, documenting the remarkable Clinton presidential campaign. On exhibit thru 3/20. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Sarah Moon: Unlikeness," recent photos by the French photographer & filmmaker, thru 2/27. "Notorious," exhibit of recent photographs by Herb Ritts, begins 3/4. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Madeline De Joly: Libraries of Confluence," on exhibit thru 2/21; "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," 2/27-4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our

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SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "The Edison Effect," an exhibit of interactive sculptures by Paul DeMarinis; 2/18-3/20, opening reception 2/17, 5:30-7:30 pm. Ernie Gehr Film Retrospective, 2/25-3/7, call for program details & showtimes. "Revolution:' Into the 2nd Century," exhibit of work by artists who taught or studied at SFAI on exhibit thru March 6 at One Market Plaza, SF. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum: "Edvard Munch and His Models, 1912-1944" on exhibit thru 3/21. "Gentle- man Friends," exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, thru 4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit thru 4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Godfrey Frankel: Vintage & Modern Prints," on exhibit thru 3/27. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Richmond Art Center: "A Sense of Place: Public Art Projects & Proposals," exhibit examining the role of artists from different ethnic & cultural groups in public art in Calif, thru 3/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Cards 'N Jazz Sports Art Gallery: Hrs: 10 am-4 pm. 1528 Pacific Ave at Polk, SF. Info: 474-1096.

ATA Gallery: "The Squeaky Dimension," a window installation of Allen White's twisted-balloon interpretation of the world. Thru February at Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Singing in the Stone Gallery: "Figuring in Drake's Equation," paintings by Steve Fegan on exhibit thru 2/20. Hrs: Sat & Sun 1-4 pm. 2115 Taraval St, SF.

ARU Gallery: "Art to Heart," works by Gilles Combet, Tim Cooper, Dale Ellison, Philip Jameson, Mike Josephson & Mary Marsh, on exhibit thru 2/28. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF.

NIAD Gallery: "A Stitch in Time," exhibit of fiber arts works by Rose Kelly, Joanna Lindsly, Sara Long, Faith Ringgold, Ed Rossbach, Susan Thompson & Katherine Westphal; thru 2/28. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

The Owl Gallery: Exhibit of works by cartoonists William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 9 am-9 pm, Sun & Mon 10 am-6 pm. Info: 781-5464.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Body Politic," juried group exhibit featuring painting, sculpture, photography, installation & video works by 26 Bay Area artists addressing issues of identity, empowerment & enfranchisement; on exhibit thru 3/12. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

Anti-Matter Space for Art: "Afterword," group show featuring the work of five local artists "linked together by their use of language as the primary force of the work." 190 Capp St, SF.

The LAB Gallery: "The Lifted Veil," an exhibit of black & white pen & ink drawings by Andrea Brewster. Thru 3/13. Hrs: Wed-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 346-4063.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "The Ship," a site-specific installation by contemporary Norwegian artist Bente Stokke. On exhibit 2/16-3/20, opening reception 2/16, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Divinations," paintings & sculpture by Robert Kostka, on exhibit 2/18-3/27. Opening reception 2/18, 6-8 pm. Closing slide lecture by the artist, "On the Edge of Memory," 3/27 at 4 pm. "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit 4/1-5/1, opening recepiton 4/1, 6-8 pm. Closing slide lecture by the artist, 5/1 at 4 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Artwork by Cynthia Seawomyn on exhibit thru 2/15 at The Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-5555.

William Samios: "Recent Charcoal Drawings," on exhibit thru 2/28 at Architects & Heroes Hair Salon, 207 Powell St, SF.

SF PALM (Performing Arts & Library Museum): "The Christensen Brothers & the SF Ballet," exhibit of photos, programs, video & original set & costume designs highlighting the careers of Harold, Lew & William Christensen and their contributions to the history of dance in SF and the United States. Exhibit runs thru 3/31. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. 399 Grove St, SF. Info: 255-4800.

Oakland Museum: "Songs of My People," exhibit of over 150 black & white images taken by 46 African-American photographers throughout the United States, on exhibit thru 3/7. "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit 2/27-5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Intersection Gallery: "If I Were a Pigeon," installation by Reiko Goto on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-4:30 pm. Info: 626-2787.

Visual Aid Exhibition: Works by six artists with AIDS, grantee artists of Visual Aid—David Dashiell, John Davis, Galen Martinez, Mark Paron, Patrick Sweeney, Robin Tichane & Phillip Zimmerman; Thru 2/27 at SF Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery, Bldg A, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 441-4777.

"One Hundred & Eighty Degrees," exhibit of sculptural installation works by members of LIQ (locus in quo) Collective; thru 2/14. Noon-4 pm Fri-Sun, or by appt. 2839 23rd St, SF. Info: 206-0184.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit thru 4/15 at Bagdad Cafe, 2295 Market St, SF. Info: 621-4431.

"Backyard Views," lithographic, intaglio & relief prints by Ethan Bryson on exhibit thru 4/17 at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut at 18th, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"Fertile Flames: African Fertility Dolls & AIDS Micrographic Images," exhibit of paintings & neon mixed media art work by Oden Santiago. Santiago merges fine art & medical art, using fertility dolls with micrographic images of sperm and AIDS. On exhibit thru March at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

"Montage 1993: Elements of Life," innovative art exhibit looking at cultural influences & contrasting styles. Works by Kelly Sullivan, Santa Jimenez Perfitt, Grace de Almeida, Jeff Tritel, Mark Hanna, Zoravia Bettiol, Bill Lindenau, Harriet Moore, Mimi Petrovo, Monika Lin, Donvieve, Paul Sonnabend, Margot Van Riper, Greg Trimble & Judy Bowser at Ft Mason Conference Center, Bldg A, SF. 2/19, noon-10 pm & 2/20, 10 am-7 pm. Performance by Repercussions Drumming Ensemble on Fri at 3, 5:30 & 8:30 pm; Sat at noon, 3 & 5:30 pm. Info: 929-7675.

"From Kampuchea to Eddy Street," mixed/media collage, a Cambodian contemporary arts project. Group show featuring the work of 8 Cambodian refugee women: Sith Ouch, Rath Kan, Luk Kan, Pum Seing Aing, Soeun IV, Tho Soh IV, Leang Ngin and Phy Hem. Thru 3/6 at The Luggage Store, 509 Cultural Center Annex. 1007 Market St,

on stage

Two Kafka One-Acts by Open Egg Theatre: **In the Penal Colony**, psychological drama in which an explorer, an unwitting spectator at a public execution, is asked to condone or condemn the method of execution. **A Hunger Artist** is about a man who "fasts" as a form of entertainment. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 2/14 at 8 pm; $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Hole by Ken Prestininzi. Stark yet human story of an underground man. The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 2/14 at 8 pm. Tix: $7-10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 for srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged), $8 Sun. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Crying Holy by Wayne Corbitt. Powerful two-act drama of an African-American family thrown into spiritual turmoil by the HIV positive diagnosis of the eldest son. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 2/20 at 8 pm. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Volpone by Ben Jonson. Berkeley Rep production of the 1606 savage comedy. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Thurs matinees at 2 pm, thru 3/5. Tix: Tues-Thurs & Sun $24, Fri & Sat $31, matinees $23. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Brava! for Women in the Arts' 5th Annual Taking Shape Series: Features 4 weeks of excerpts from works in progress by women playwrights. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm at Brava! Studio Theatre, 2180 Bryant St at 20th, SF. Tix $7-12 SL Thurs-Sun, $8-12 SL Fri & Sat. Feb 11-14 program: Roberta D'Alois' "So's Your Old Man" about a tough cookie who can hold a grudge. Judy Jones' & Skye Atman's "Frida! the Opera," about the passionate relationship btwn Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Awele Makeba's "Voices of Our Children," a multimedia "call to action" exploring both the deterioration & survival of America's children. Reservations suggested: 641-7657.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Limited engagement of this popular show, produced by Artfull Circle Theatre Inc. Thru 2/28. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat, $15 & $17 at door. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Raft of the Medusa by Joe Pintauro. Hard-hitting play about people—white, Black, Hispanic, male, female, gay, straight, bisexual, single, married, professional and blue collar—living with HIV. Play was an off-Broadway hit in NY. Actors Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/7, Sun at 2 pm on 2/14, 21 & 28. Tix $14-16. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Three Postcards by Craig Lucas. Free-form musical play by the author of "Prelude to a Kiss" and "Longtime Companion" explores the ups & downs in the lives of three women friends who meet for dinner & revealing conversations in a chic Manhattan restaurant. Runs thru 2/28, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Tix $15. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 292-3218.

Counting the Ways by Edward Albee and **Talk to Me Like the Rain & Let Me Listen** by Tennessee Williams. Two one-act plays presented by The Other Theatre of New York. Thru 2/14, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $5. Magic Theatre Southside, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Dolls by Phillip R Ford. A drama with music, based on the film *Valley of the Dolls*. An all-new, cross-gender, multimedia musical stage adaptation of the camp classic. A Playstitute production. Previews 2/12, opens 2/13 with a gala Valentine's Eve performance to benefit Shanti Project; runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/6. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF.

Breakfast in the Flesh District by Danielle Willis. Willis continues her autobiographical travelogue thru the City's midnight subculture—an expose of the sex industry, with side trips into dominatrix parlors, Tenderloin transsexual & drag bars, Satanism & early morning fluorescent coffee shops. Witty, honest & never apologetic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 10 pm. Tix $10. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

The Trojan Women, Tadashi Suzuki's contemporary adapation of the Euripides tragedy to post WWII Japan. Previews 2/16, opens 2/17, runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/7. Theatre of Yugen production. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Tix $8-12 SL. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Wring of Life by solo performer Fred Adler. Adler uses comic themes to expose the cutthroat social darwinism of the modern world. Play runs thru 2/21, Thurs-Sun at 7 pm at Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Brides by Harry Kondoleon. Fractured fairy tale that plays with the myths surrounding what it means to be a bride, unraveling the underlying (and sometimes harsh) truths about sex, love & marriage. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 2/13 (no show 2/11). Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. Tix $8 Thurs & Sun, $10 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 905-4605.

Temporary Girl by Lisa Kotin. Hilarious one-woman show, a multimedia exploration of the darker side of the life of an office temp. The Marsh production. Plays Thurs-Sun thru 2/28. Tix $8 Sun, $7-10 SL on Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat. The Marsh, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Pulp Playhouse Valentine Show: Night of audience-inspired stories of love & romance by Pulp Playhouse improv troupe. Thru 2/13 at 8 pm at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower lobby. Tix $12 Thurs & Fri, $15 Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

Candida by George Bernard Shaw. Set in 1897, Candida is married to Rev Morell but is loved by Eugene Marchbanks, a sensitive & visionary poet who thinks Morell is a moralist & windbag. According to agreements between the two men, Candida is to make her choice. And when she demands that they bid for her, Morell offers his strength, Eugene his weakness. Aurora Theatre Co production. Play runs thru 2/28. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Tix $12-18. Info/res: (510) 843-4822.

Beach Blanket Babylon, Steve Silver's long-running musical, continues Wed & Thurs at 7 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm at Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-4222.

Lysistrata by Aristophanes. Classic Greek satirical comedy reeks with still-relevant social & political commentary. Menlo Players Guild production. Runs thru 2/27, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, one Sun matinee on 2/14, 2:30 pm. Burgess Theater, 601 Laurel St, Menlo Park. Tix $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs on Fri & Sat; $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs on Thurs & Sun. Info/res: 329-2623.

The Trials of Jane Doe, choreography by Erica Essner. A full-length dance drama about the prosecution of a woman's body and mind. Featuring a satire on the Hill vs Thomas Senate hearings, a dancing commentary on the religious right to life, ministers who repent and those who don't, a samba featuring the hit song 'she's delusional', a point blank reference to the female body as property, both sexual & spiritual. Footwork production. Runs thru 2/13 at 8:30 pm at Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 824-5044.

Outside Blake's Window Tandy Beal & Co's multi-layered performance work inspired by the artistic vision of the poet/painter William Blake. Play runs thru 2/14, Thurs-Sun at 8 pm. Special Valentine's Day matinee on 2/14 at 3 pm. Tix $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info/res: 392-4400.

Psycho Beach Party by Charles Busch. Campy, kitschy comedy based upon the Gidget movies of the 1960s, with hints of psycho melodrama from movies like "Marnie" & "Three Faces of Eve." Purple Arts Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm. Tix $15. The Y Theatre, 220 Golden Gave Ave at Leavenworth, SF. 2nd floor. Info/res: 931-7837.

Behind Every Great Man Is a Thin Boy Struggling to Get Out, Footwork's Bread & Butter Series presents this dance performance piece examining the cult of masculinity & the ways in which men interact with themselves & with women. 2/18-20 at 8:30 pm at Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 824-5044.

Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Subterranean Shakespeare revives their successful 1989 production featuring Stanley Spenger's brilliant performance as Hamlet & Michael Cawelti's stunning combat choreography. Previews 2/16 & 17 at 7 pm, runs Thurs-Sun 2/18-3/27. Thurs-Sat shows at 7 pm, dinner seating available at 6:30 pm. Sun shows start at 1 pm, lunch seating available at 12:30. LaVal's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdts/srs. No performance on 3/28.

The Rimers of Eldritch by Lanford Wilson. In the nearly abandoned town of Eldritch (pop. 73) a murder has been committed... something evil lurks among these vicious people. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat 2/12-13, 19-20 & 26-27, at 8 pm. Cabaret opens at 7. Miz Brown's Cabaret Theatre, 2565 Mission St at 22nd, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 921-2769.

Fragments of an America by Babak Ebrahimian. Explosion of wild poetry, music & dance exploring the numerous identities of America. Produced by Negativa Productions. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10-12 SL fee gen'l, $6-8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 695-6970.

Ann Drogynous & Matthew Martin as Barbra & Judy appear on Lavender Lounge Feb. 16 & 23. See Calendar.

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We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). 3/1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at Muchachas Restaurant, 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

Jumping the Broom: Theatre Rhino presents their new comic revue of scenes looking at the creativity & contradictions of gay & lesbian weddings. Writers include Robert Patrick, Suzanne Sherman, Joel Ensana, Dean Backus, Sam Ambler, Dave DeChristopher, Brad Erickson, John Hogan, Jimmy Phillips & Charles Polly. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 2/28. Tix $8. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res 861-5079.

Woman in Mind by Alan Ayckbourn. Dark comedy about a housewife named Susan married to a boring cleric named George. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 3/6. Tix $11 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs on Thurs; $13 Fri & Sat. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

Guys & Dolls, last year's Tony Award-winning musical runs thru 3/6 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St at Market & Golden Gate, SF. For tix & other info call (510) 762-BASS.

Crimes in Hot Countries by Howard Barker. Dark comedy full of political absurdism. Set in an unnamed British military outpost after WWI, the play pits a range of garrulous characters of both sexes against one another. Central Works production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, 2/20-3/27. St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 549-0753.

Valentines' Day Cabaret: An eve of love songs with Meg MacKay and Billy Philadelphia. 2/13-14 at 8:30 pm at Joe LoCoco's Ristorante, Drake's Landing, Greenbrae. Dinner served at 6 pm, show at 8:30 pm. Dinner & show: $35. Show only: $15. Info/res: 925-0808.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info:

441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services is a multicultural organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. HIV+ support groups include Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling, and ongoing African-American specific, multicultural & transgender groups. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

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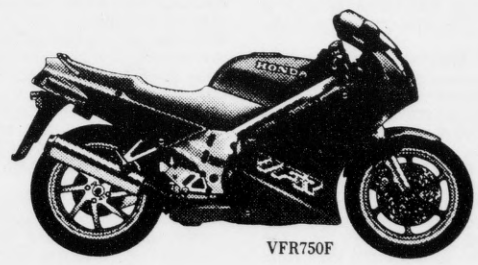

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JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

Philip Horvitz in "Yes I Can" at Josie's Feb. 23- Mar. 7. Check Calendar for info. Photo by Michelle Rollman

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Thurs in Mill Valley. Infi: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an an-

thology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. $10 handling fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1.

Jewish Lesbian & Gay Program of the SF Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival seeks entries covering a wide range of issues & concerns of lesbian & gay Jews including: Lesbians & gays and/or AIDS in Israel, Global AIDS, the Holocause & Jewish Community Response, Queer Jews & Activism, Queer Jews & Jewish Tradition, Queer Jews & the Lesbian/Gay Community. The goal of the program is to screen works which examine both lesbian & gay & Jewish identity and illuminate larger questions of race, class & sexuality for the lesbian & gay community in general. For more info & entry forms contact Marc Smolowitz, guest curator, Frameline, 346 9th St, SF 94103 or call 703-8650, 252-9363. Fax: 861-1404. Deadline: 3/1.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

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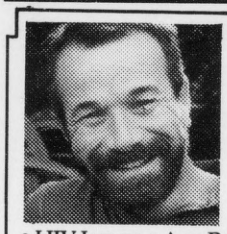

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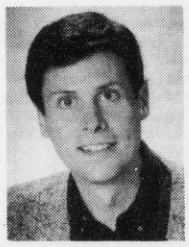

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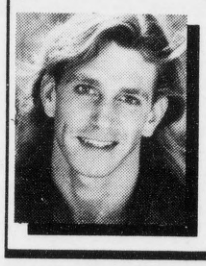

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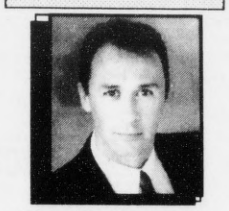

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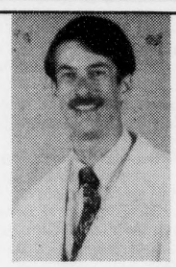

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Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt. call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Amy Boyd & Laura Chandler perform at the Teaspot Cafe in Berkeley on Feb. 20. See Calendar. Photo by Frankie Jane

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and

contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

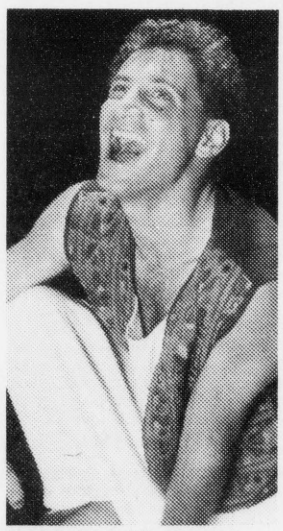
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Operation Concern Writing Wkshop designed for gays & lesbians interested in exploring personal experience thru the craft of poetry & fiction. Call Nancy R 626-7000 ext 214 for details.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).



Fred Adler in his one-man show "The Wring of Life" thru Feb. 21. OnStage has info.

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and National Men's Attitudinal Survey. For info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

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"Psycho Beach Party" revives Gidget at the Y Theatre, SF. OnStage has details.

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A special benefit performance of "Exotic Fortunes," Patrick Lee's one-man show, on Feb. 13 at Yang Sing restaurant. See Calendar for info.

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gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles—See Hobbies.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.
Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.
Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay/Lesbian Spiritual Support Group: Gathering of open-minded lesbians & gays seeking to experience life from a spiritual/metaphysical perspective. Meditation, guided processes, music, sharing, mutual support. Sun 7:30 pm. Info/location: Gregg Tallman 979-6579.
Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Network by, for & about FTM/TSs who identify as gay or bisexual men ONLY. For more info write to Flikker Network, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon- Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Cogender Biosocial Group spons by LYRIC. For meeting times & other info call 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

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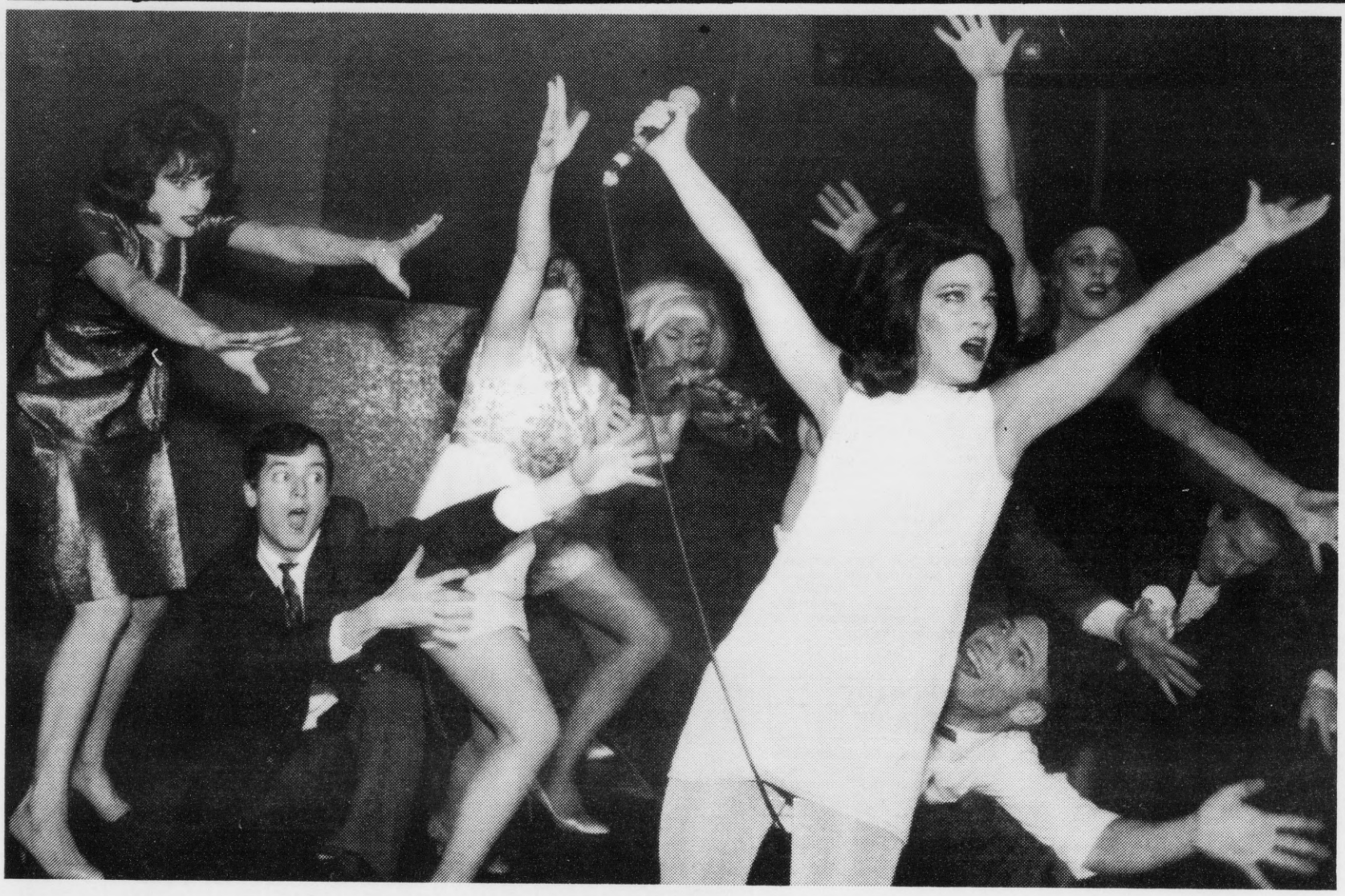

Connie Champagne and the cast of "Dolls" at Cyclops.
Photo by Marc Geller

I Double Dog Dare You To....

On a recent Thursday I was invited to guest DJ at Fusion, the weekly nightclub endeavor created by Michael Blue, Lewis Walden and Nikki Rivera, three DJs of merit who can be found spinning at a variety of other venues throughout the week. My participation was in conjunction with a thematic incarnation of the smaller bar you enter first in this dual-atmosphere-providing night spot. That front bar has presented many a wondrous theme night, and the theme I was invited to play for, tag team style with Michael Blue, was Kegger Party. I was overjoyed. To many, Kegger Party has a kind of collegiate/fraternity connotation—you know, beer bongs, goofy hats, male bonding, pledges puking in the bushes outside, etc. To me, it means something completely different, something pre-college, definitely against a parent's better judgment, and slightly dark and forbidden. Keggers were something you had to sneak out of the house for. Most of the ones I went to took place in the outdoors, like at a lake or pond, or under a bridge, and always at night. The crowds in attendance were usually half familiar high school mates and half older guys who were strangers, older brothers, weapons enthusiasts (someone always shot their gun off in the air or at beer cans), and scary notorious tough guys with tattoos and pit-Girls would flirt and "pull a train" in the mud if drunk enough, start crying about something or pout motionless in their boyfriend's car or, of course, puke and sometimes fight with each other. Then the cops would come and everyone would scatter... or not. And the whole time someone's eight-track stereo would be blasting out at a shabby, distorted volume AC/DC's *Highway to Hell* over and over again. Another car full of people would be enveloped by Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* for optimum bong-hit space-out. When AC/DC's battery goes dead it's replaced by "Dazed and Confused" and air guitar with jumper cables pulled from a trunk right when the solo starts. Guys shoot beer cans by jeep lights set up at a distance by their girlfriends, who now run away to the strains of "Cat Scratch Fever" by Ted Nugent. Someone suddenly blasts the B-52s and some tough drunk hurls a bottle, yelling, "Punk rock pussy shit... fuck you!" You get the picture.

TEEN NOSTALGIA

Well, Michael Blue hails from the Pacific Northwest, like myself, so his overall vision of kegger parties was similar to mine and his record collection for that night spoke volumes about juvenile delinquency and chugging beer and knowing what name Heart used to go by before the Seattle-based band broke big with his favorite song by them, "Magic Man." My selection of records hardly duplicated his, which was almost a miracle, and it said a lot about my teen years, boasting the soundtracks to my first bong hit (Steve Miller's "Fly Like an Eagle"), my loss of hetero virginity (Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir"), my loss of homo-virginity (Van Halen's "Jamie's Crying") and the last fight I had with my parents before moving out of the house (The Clash's "Clampdown") and my first teen suicide funeral (Lynrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird"—I know... isn't that gross! I actually don't own that still).

Unfortunately the planned entertainment for the evening, three-time Miss Uranus pageant loser Rena McDonald, canceled for the night, and then ever-the-spectacle Miss Jerome decided to not show up and grace the room with his lack of clothing and skinny ass, and for some reason no keg was present. Had there been a guarantee of free beer I bet the room would have been hopping but as it was, most club patrons whizzed right through the first bar in favor of the big house and techno-rave room, DJ'd by Lewis and Nikki, who were really playing well that night. Undaunted by the lack of happy rock-loving patrons, Michael and I joyously relived our formative years, taking turns spinning. We started having so much fun we stopped looking through the small window to see if anyone was hanging out in that room. It didn't matter. We had hit the carefree level of indulging in our favorite Pink Floyd cuts. I wanted a bong hit.

Eventually I did see a burst of enthusiasm from downstairs and upon closer inspection realized it was Danielle Willis and Brigid, aka God's Girlfriend, the couple I'd most like to see reproduce. Danielle's one-woman show, *Breakfast in the Flesh District,* is back for another lengthy run at Climate Theatre if you haven't seen it yet and I hear Brigid has a few secret new projects in the works also. At any rate they're rockers all the way and were soon in the booth with us getting stoned and diving into our record stacks with requests galore, many of which we had played already, coincidentally. But hell, we played "Smoke on the Water" four times that night. Justin Bond showed up in the booth with glowing words of appreciation for the music and a super-butch five o'clock shadow; then Jerome popped in after all, wearing real pants. It was an instant and intimate record party with a number of friends milling through. One of the most lovely visitors of the eve was the woman who tended the bar in the room we played. She came upstairs to cash out or whatever and proceeded to compliment us for the music we played all night, saying she had worked at Townsend for four years hearing nothing but house music, and rock was such a nice switch from that. Her enthusiasm had been rekindled when she and a friend went on a road trip to Vegas, fear and loathing style, and found that AC/DC, Van Halen and such was the only good music for driving real fast. Michael and I adored her instantly and felt we'd been given our finest compliment. She made the whole evening worth it.

Danielle started rambling about a plan to put subliminal messages in house music that would bum people out or suggest murdering one's nearest neighbor to the right or left, while she begged Michael to play a sick-fuck Stevie Nicks ballad, which he did. Then Danielle suggested mischievously, "Don, take this record into the other room and double-dare Lewis to play 'Stop Dragging My Heart Around' for the last cut." Then Lewis walked in and Danielle dared him to do it but he said they were already playing the last song or he would. Oh, sure you would, Lewis!

As everyone started to drift out of the booth while I packed records up, Danielle turned to me and said, "That's what you should write your column on, Don. Make up a bunch of dares for people." Danielle's a genius and that idea will be expanded upon in the future, but as it stands now, I dare all the techno house rave deep love unity funny hat-type music DJs in town to suddenly mix in Black Sabbath's "Ironman" in the middle of a busy set just to see what happens. I double-dog dare you.

In the weekend following that Thursday night, I finally dared to visit the new monster club in town, Cyclops, for the first time. Cyclops will be featuring an appearance by Marky Mark, his only SF date, on Saturday, Feb. 13. This is a booking coup that I find almost too frightening to attend. A sea of men with the dominant shirtless gene in

their DNA's molecular structure—or a gym membership, all drooling and slavering over a bought-and-sold piece of pop flesh with a gay-positive outlook. Marky's part of the recent discovery of economists that a real and wealthy gay market is out there and they just can't spend enough money, even during a recession, and especially if it feeds their narcissism. For every five pairs of Calvin Klein undies now sold, you can't tell me some gay male isn't feeling a little closer to his ideal: a beefy, boyish, masculine 20-year-old, who's so hot he must want himself. Well, that's next week. I went to Cyclops for something else: Drag Queens.

"DOLLS" CAST AT CYCLOPS

The cast of Phillip R. Ford's *Dolls,* opening soon with the gala premiere set for the same night Marky Mark will create an orgy of gay shame the likes of which SF hasn't seen since *B.B. Jane* was extended, previewed a couple of musical numbers for the Cyclops crowd. This took place in one of the smaller bars away from the main disco fantasyland room, on a small stage. The cast was given a restroom with a doorperson to keep out the general patrons, a nice festure indicative of the professional respect and overall courtesy extended to the cast. It was when they hit the stage for the first number that Cyclops fucked up.

Perhaps I was too outraged over this, but when Connie Champagne sang "The Theme From the Valley of the Dolls" to a taped backing track, the tape volume started loud and just got louder, completely masking her vocal performance at a steady incline. I was infuriated by the complete lack of respect for a well-known, bona-fide local talent like Connie, whose performance was literally wasted due to a technical situation that could have been corrected by any half-wit, let alone some sound technician of apparent world-class standards at the helm of a million-dollar sound monument, wearing a Sound Factory T-shirt. I mean, c'mon, let's get this right. It was a simple situation to produce properly and no one rose to the occasion. That's fucked, inexcusable. The same big money that would probably stock Marky Mark's dressing room with a harem of nubile 15-year-old girls if he asked for it, couldn't simply host and frame a performer effectively. Lame is too nice a word. The song drew to a close with Connie yelling into the microphone, "Now turn the volume of that goddamned tape down!" The audience identified with her indignation with forceful cheers.

Things did even out in the sound area for the next two numbers and from what I saw onstage, *Dolls* stands to be an epic and glamorous production. Get your tickets now—it looks like Phil Ford has done it again. He's inimitable and when he waltzed into the dressing room afterward and joined some cast members and journalists sitting on the floor smoking pot, he smiled, dragged on his cigarette and said, "Sound Factory... you mean Horror Factory," letting loose with that high-pitched cackle. Over his shoulder I saw a buffed guy wearing a tight one-piece lace-up-the-front body suit from *International Male.* Phil continued, "No, I guess they did what they could."

The cast dissipated and we chose to take a look at the rest of the club. There was one lounge with some huge video screens playing some great and weird old bondage and spanking footage, which was cool, and the big room really does have spectacular sound quality and a great mirror ball constellation. The door people were quite courteous and treated people well, and the lighting was innovative and plentiful. The crowd was benign, beautiful in that chest-implant-for-men way, and somewhat mixed. Girl-about-town and one heck of a music writer these days in *The Press,* Gina Hall, escorted us to the VIP lounge for a look. The small room looks out over the big dance floor through glass, which is neat, like being a princess or something.

Then came the big laugh for the evening, the crowning glory for my inner juvenile delinquent. Standing there with a couple of friends, I noticed a guy with a white baseball cap walk into the room. He looked around, walked toward us and asked the person to my right, "Have you guys seen Harry de Wildt in here?" Not knowing who that pretentious socialite pal of Herb Caen's was, unfamiliar with that certain Mr. Fag who gets chauffeured around in that fancy white car by definite Jim Gabbert-boyfriend-material-type guys, he responded, "I don't know him." The white cap turned to me and asked me the same question. I promptly responded, "Harry de Wildt? Yes, he crawled up my butt and died." He turned away horrified and cleared my view of the door in time for me to witness the beginning of a fag fight, tastefully started with someone spitting in someone's face, then both of them slapping each other in non-fisted fag fury. Pretty, but I've seen Catholic school girls fight tougher than that. It was a hoot though, and in a sense everyone *was* there... for a little while. But even alone, you could amuse yourself by shouting, "Hey, there's Marky Mark!" and then watching how many heads turn. ✿

lounging about by val c. phoenix

Speaking Their Piece

There is probably no cause dearer to women's hearts than reproductive choice. Now comes *Cause*, the CD. A project benefiting Rock for Choice, *Cause* is the brainchild of Debbie Patino, who works at A&M Records and also is in the band Holy Water. Well-connected and a feminist, Patino enlisted the aid of a few friends to do a spoken-word benefit album and ended up overseeing a live recording session at L.A.'s Onyx Sequel involving over 20 artists, with most of the costs covered by donations. Pretty impressive.

In the end, *Cause* features Exene Cervenka, Suzi Gardner of L7, Rosie Flores, Gretchen Seager and Julie Ritter of Mary's Danish, Ann Magnuson, BETTY!, and a lot of L.A. women less familiar to me. Some are not poets or songwriters, but just women who wanted to get up and say their piece—which is fine. If more women were in the habit of doing that, well, consider the possibilities.

It's hard to critique something like this, since it's so dependent on personal taste. Some of it is really "just folks" style, while some has arty overtones. Some of the pieces directly relate to abortion (Candye Kane's "She Wore a Red Carnation") or gender relations (BETTY's "Martini Talk"), while others wander off in farflung directions. Particularly chilling is poet Nicole Panter's sworn affidavit of having had two abortions, delivered in some not-too-distant time in the future.

Cause is on Piece of Mind and distributed by Caroline. Reportedly, some record stores have been reluctant to display it because of its "controversial" nature. Meanwhile, it's been nominated by NAIRD for best spoken-word album. RFC just finished two bangup live shows in N.Y. and L.A., to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, featuring 7 Year Bitch, Screaming Trees, Ann and Nancy Wilson, Joan Jett, and Toshi Reagon. Patino will be in town this week in a performance Feb. 13 at Neurotica at 3 pm.

MORE FUN IN THE NEW WORLD

Exene will also be in SF, with a re-grouped X playing at Slim's on Feb. 12. I could hardly believe it when I heard they are back together, have a record deal, and are releasing a new record in May. I mean, who would have thought? In Penelope Spheeris' *Decline of... Western Civilization*, Exene jokes about singing "We're Desperate" while X becomes increasingly popular and mainstreamed. She imagines a fan saying, "Sure you're desperate. I just paid $5 to get in here." That was 1980. Now fans are paying $25. The show's sold out, by the way.

Decline, which focused on the L.A. punk scene, has a brief shot of Margo, founding member of the Go-Gos, in the crowd at an X show—not as incongruous a placement as one might think. In fact, as Barry Walters pointed out in his recent Queer Pop Video program, the Go-Gos had a decidedly more frisky viewpoint than was evident in their recorded work. The video evidence is their "Turn to You" clip, in which the group plays a studly male band and its own

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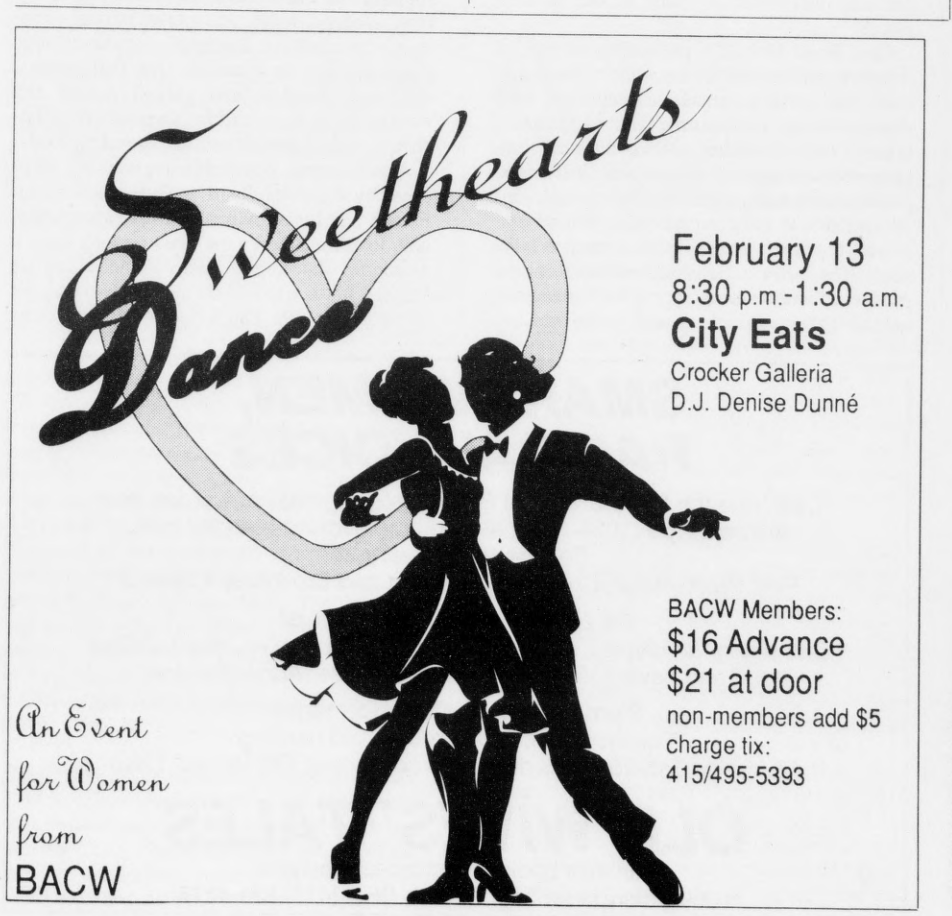

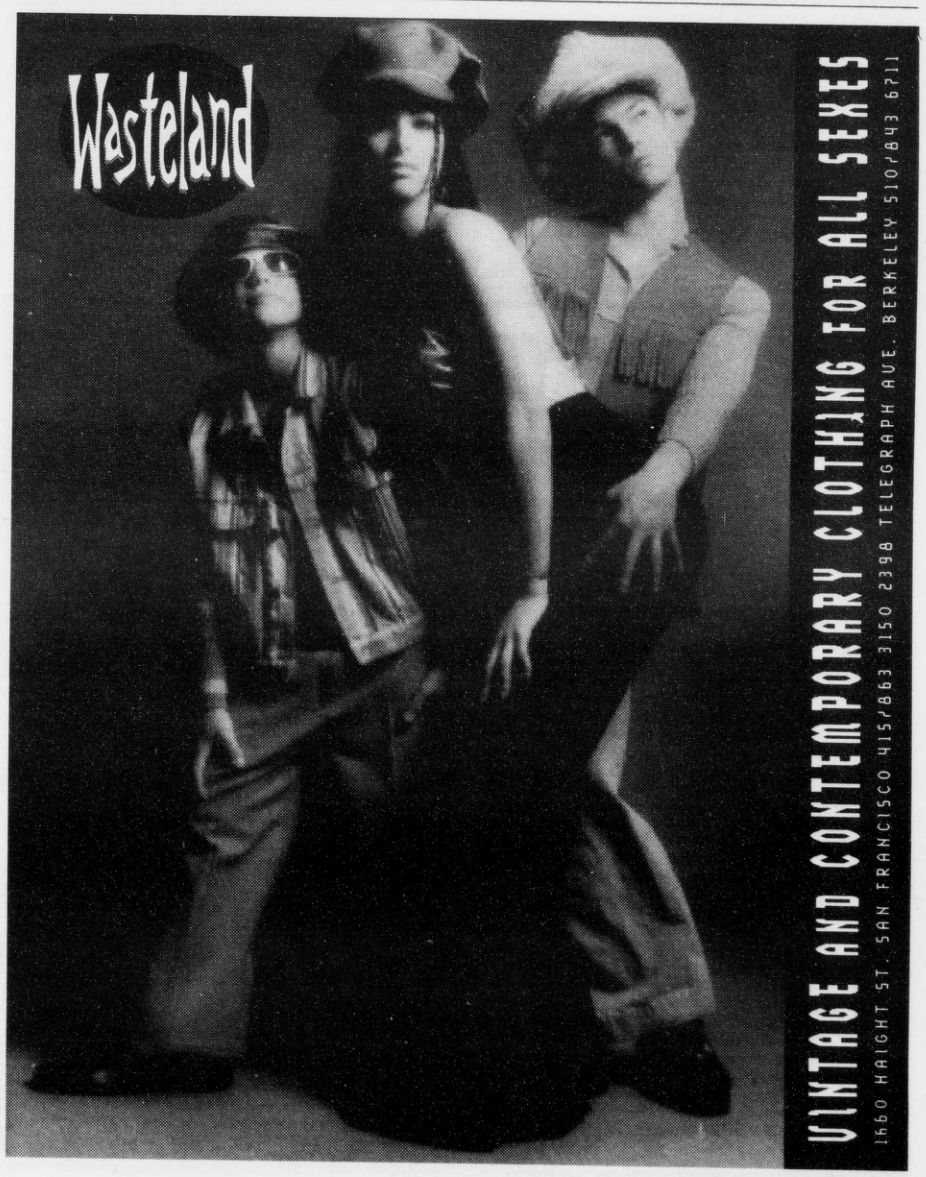
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female followers, and drummer Gina Schock asks a girl to dance!

For more juicy bits on that late, lamented band, check out *Marks in Time*, a local Go-Gos zine put out by Iraya, "music fan and womyn-loving wombn," and fellow queer Eden, formerly of Comrades in Arms. "We've done this to acknowledge something that's often been forgotten about, trivialized or pushed aside—the band's roots," they write in their intro. The zine came out last spring, but has only now begun to get widely distributed, Iraya says, because she's been lazy.

I was never a huge Go-Gos fan, though I still can get worked up pogo-ing to "We Got the Beat." It was a revelation to me to read about the band's punk roots, set down from the time they came to SF to see the Sex Pistols' final show up to their signing and evisceration by IRS. There are lots of interviews and pictures clipped from zines, newspapers, and personal archives. These are complemented by a faxed interview with Jane Wiedlin, who sent in lyrics to their early songs, such as "Johnny, Are You Queer?"

Phranc, a punk contemporary who also makes an appearance in *Decline*, shows up in the zine authoring the Castration Squad manifesto (heavily cribbed from the SCUM manifesto) and in her folk incarnation with the song "Everywhere I Go I Hear the Go-Gos." (Sample lyric: "Everyone knows that I like Charlotte. She's my very favorite one.")

Most interesting to me was the family tree of L.A. punk bands, with overlapping memberships in the Eyes, Go-Gos, Germs, X, Catholic Discipline, and The Bags. You'll also find a great queer chronology from *JD's* which gives a more, eh, intimate spin, noting who slept with whom in each band. Many of this class of '79 were reunited in 1991 at a benefit for homopunk Craig Lee (who succumbed to AIDS). In fact, Exene Cervenka joined the Go-Gos for three songs at that show. I found the zine a fascinating read. It's available at Epicenter or Aquarius Records or by mail for $6, PO Box 421912, SF 94142.

Charlotte (Phranc's favorite Go-Go) contributes an essay to the liner notes of *Freedom of Choice* (Caroline), a compilation benefiting Planned Parenthood. She writes of the band, "A lot of people perceived us as just a 'fun all-female band.' Though we had a tremendous amount of fun [and drugs] we also expressed ourselves as who we were [not] and sent out the message that it was OK to do just that [which our record company allowed us to do]." Perhaps I'm overstating the case, but then, so is Charlotte.

Billed as "yesterday's new wave hits as performed by today's stars," *FOC*'s lineup includes Sonic Youth, Muffs, Yo La Tengo and 15 other "stars" coming to grips with Blondie, Kate Bush, and yes, the Go-Gos, among others. My personal favorite has to be the two women vocalists from Chia Pet re-enacting the tortured broken love duet of the Human League's "Don't You Want Me Baby" in bored, deadpan voices.

GOING, GOING...

Still stretching the thin Go-Gos link of this column, I noticed the drummer for Sacramento's Tiger Trap was wearing a Go-Gos T-shirt at the band's Feb. 5 show at the Chameleon. Obviously, she must have felt liberated by the band's trailblazing march through pop. Or not. TT put on an entertaining show, not the least when they all switched instruments toward the end. I could hear next to none of the lyrics, a common complaint at Chameleon shows. Barbara Manning and SF Seals were excellent, though. Manning's one of this town's best songwriters, I'd venture to say, and the Seals have coalesced into a tight band. Headliners Mecca Normal caught me exhausted and unprepared for their unusual performance style, so I'll hold off passing judgments for now.

Nothing to do with punk except her hairstyle: Lea DeLaria is at Josie's 'til Feb. 21. Ms. Muff Diva returns with a jazz quartet, two fabulous outfits, and with her bad attitude intact. Strong enough for a man, but made for a woman. You'll laugh 'til you plotz.

The Gavin Convention is in town, and who gives a shit? Some great shows have been lined up, though. Shonen Knife opens at the DNA Feb. 12, in a show partially benefiting Casa de las Madres. There's a FREE Sub Pop showcase featuring Fastbacks and three other bands at a new venue called the Bridge (520 Fourth St., SF) on Feb. 13. On the same day, the Gits play at Kommotion, and Suzanne Vega headlines at the Warfield.

Also, for you stargazers, you probably already know about the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune, which happens every 171.4 years. I know nothing about it, but a bunch of people decided to do some kind of ravey, dancy trancy thing to celebrate the occurrence. Called "Conjunction Phunktion," the show will celebrate the intersection of spirituality and technology with interactive videos, live reggae toasting, the band Cyberdelic, and a whole lot of dancing. It's happening Feb. 17. Call 985-RITE for info. ✿

food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Family-style French Restaurant a Winner

I've always believed that a certain existential frivolity lives in the South of France, where bare-bones living meets lavish play, and names like Didi, Gogo, and Lulu abound. Now San Francisco has its very own Lulu, named both for the mythical nymph, who typifies the French Riviera and Provence, and after partner Louise Clement.

The restaurant itself, designed by Cass Smith, makes excellent use of an enormous space. Looking like a hip warehouse, Lulu formerly housed three businesses: a Chinese sandwich shop, a messenger service and a guitar repair store. The impressive double-arched beam ceiling was already here, and a few touches, like the skylights, were added. The intention was to create the illusion of being outdoors; not inside a cold warehouse, or another overdesigned, expensive, fine-dining spot. The enormous space has been utilized so well that it *adds* something to the experience, rather than detracts, making the guest feel part of the whole scene, rather than abandoned, as in other warehouse-type eateries. The recessed dining area, use of bright primary colors to accent the bar and mostly white walls, the attractive and comfortable woven leather chairs and custom-made blond wood tables all invite the diner to sit back and watch the show. Sisal floor covering in the main dining area quells the noise that can overwhelm so many of our favorite places.

Chef Reed Hearon's philosophy is one of simplicity and family; his is a world of large portions, big serving utensils and unfussy, help yourself eating. Foods come family-style and a la carte; that is, a platter of roast chicken, complete with serving fork, comes with little boiled potatoes and tossed greens, and the vegetables are all available to order on the side, which "empowers the diner" to only take as much as (s)he needs. The dishes, minimalistic renditions of local products, focus on the quality of the ingredients, not the 8000 items in the sauce, or the intricacy of a plate presentation. The plates, the tables, the atmosphere are the fun stuff, the frilly extras that make a meal here such an experience.

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Fish is from the Monterey Fish Company (the best), and tends to be local species—rockfish, monk fish, petrale sole—not the salmon, tuna and swordfish you can find anywhere across the country. "We're on the ocean," Hearon tells me, "so let's serve what's local."

The kitchen design, reminiscent of Zuni Cafe, showcases two wood-fired ovens (one a rotisserie for pork loin and chicken, the other a pizza oven from Modena, Italy), and a team of cooks constantly buzzes about. Stacks of gorgeous ceramic plateware line the counters, with fish platters, whimsical hand-painted garden scenes and wooden pizza plates making their way from kitchen to table laden with rustic, appealing foods.

A professional, comprehensive wine list, composed by Ward Robilliard, includes Californian, French and Italian wines in every price range, with lots available by the glass (among them a wonderful white Graves, and a delicious Cotes du Rhone). It's nice to find not one, but two Bandols on the list, as well. The Bandol appellation, near

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the Cotes du Rhone, is hardly seen in San Francisco, and deserves more attention.

A **Duck & White Bean Soup** ($4.25) brought a bowl of clear broth with shredded duck, chunky carrots, big fat white beans and garlic cloves; a soothing if somewhat salty starter. The plate of **Local Salmon & Sardines Cured with Lemon & Olive Oil** ($5.75) came beautifully and simply, featuring a slice of poached salmon, marinated in citrus and oil and accented with a dill sprig, with a fileted sardine—pickled like a herring—with a wonderful, fresh taste, accompanied by a mound of shaved fennel. This dish exemplifies the minimalistic food Chef Hearon advocates. A crisp, chewy, flavorful crust made the **Chanterelle Pizza with Potatoes** ($7.75) disappear quickly; although the cheese tasted rather salty, the dark, earthy mushrooms redeemed the whole thing. An airy slab of homemade **Focaccia** brought to the table on a painted ceramic tile was tinged with rosemary and topped with salt.

A house specialty, the **Rosemary-Scented Roast Chicken with Warm Potato and Winter Lettuce Salad** ($9.95), brought a sweet-meated, herby half chicken, plenty for three to share, with a light, delicate salad of oak leaf and other greens and chunks of boiled potatoes. As with the other entrees, serving pieces came with the **Lamb & Artichoke Daube** ($10.50), so we helped ourselves to spoonfuls of this slow-cooked, rich stew of perfectly seasoned lamb, baby artichokes, carrots, tomatoes, olives and onions—absolutely marvelous on a brisk winter's day. A "surf 'n' turf" dish of **Roast Pancetta-Wrapped Monk Fish with Olive Oil Mashed Potatoes and Pesto** ($14.50) had me hooked, with crisp pancetta providing a wonderful foil for the rich, buttery fish, highlighted with a tangy, brilliant green pesto. The huge portion of mashed potatoes, if somewhat bland, had a lovely, creamy texture.

Three entrees between the three of us had almost been too much. Portions are more than ample; we decided one entree would feed one and a half people, so we had no need for the third entree—but, alas, dear reader, I do it all for you. Pastry Chef Shari O'Brien, formerly of Larry Forgione's American Place and Le Cirque in New York, and Berkeley's Chez Panisse, has put together a too-tempting-to-resist dessert menu. With such wonders as a **Warm Chocolate Cake with Tangerine Ice Cream** ($5.50), fudgey, gooey, hot, and deliciously accented with candied oranged peel; **Pear Tarte Tatin with Almond and Pineau des Charentes** ($5.25), a fabulous rendition with burnt sugar sauce over soft pears and a pseudo puff pastry crust; and **Creme Caramel with Blood Oranges** ($4.75), a huge slab of sturdy, smooth custard with sliced ruby-red oranges, Lulu won me over from appetizer to dessert. First-rate coffee from Mr. Espresso in Oakland, and a glass of Marc, from Burgundy, make excellent endings to a fabulous feast of a gathering.

AROUND TOWN

I hadn't been back to the **Mongolian Bar-B-Q** (5401 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles) in eight years. I used to go every week or so, when I was in high school. We called it "The Mong." A great cabbage soup was served there by Michelle, who's still there with her sarcastic, cheery smile. (No more cabbage soup, though; that stopped several years ago.) But the BBQ is just as great as ever: a "salad bar" of meats, vegetables and herbs you compose and bring up to the man in front, who adds sauces—hot to mild, vinegar, garlic, etc. Then you hand your bowl to the grill man, who pushes your dinner across a hot iron grill very fast, taking less than a minute, and scoops it all back into your bowl. You find your table and eat with gusto, munching on the accompanying little sesame breads. Go back for seconds, thirds, and on and on—it's $6.75 a person for up to two servings, and all you can eat for $8.75. Cash only.

Thank goodness for the new **Pasqua Coffee Cafe** (18th & Castro), redundantly named, but well-designed and sure to fill an apparently growing need for clean, interesting coffee houses. Good pastries, comfortable seating, and, of course, great coffee and espresso drinks will ensure Pasqua's success. ✿

classics

BY CHING CHANG

Krista Smith Solos in Horn Concerto With Women's Philharmonic

Attending the sold-out Women's Philharmonic concert last Saturday, my perception was that this ensemble has reached a critical point in its life. In their 11th season, our local WP have received all the praises and accolades they need to keep building an already impressive reputation. Gone are the days when one would attend their concerts foremost as an act of social responsibility. The orchestra has a connected, fully materialized sense of ensemble, a crystalline yet warm presence of tone (which so many orchestras these days seem to be fearful of), and does not shy away from the orgasmic sonorities of sections employing brass, timpani and cymbal crashes. Their last recording (featuring works by Lili Boulanger, Germaine Tallieferre, Fanny Mendelssohn and Clara Schumann—recently released under the Koch label), received attention and praise even in such mundane literary venues as *Time*.

As they dropped the regional qualifier from their name recently (Bay Area Women's Philharmonic to just Women's Philharmonic), my fear is that they might eventually grow too much in their second decade. Pursuing a nearly ideal synthesis of social and artistic mission, the broad educational agenda put forth by the mere existence of this group is likely to become for many a very popular and attractive alternative during the Clinton era. I just hope the WP will be careful not to succumb to expansionist traps, and that WP audiences will never have to feel as if an imposing administrative entity is making all the decisions behind the curtains, exploiting the original intents rather than sincerely believing in them. But for now, everything feels gratefully right at WP: The artistic mission is well defined and unique, the proper priorities are in place, even free childcare for concert-goers is provided.

Led by JoAnn Faletta, last Saturday's concert at the First Congregational Church started ordinarily enough with two nice but somewhat ordinary-sounding fanfare-like pieces, Gwyneth Walker's *Let in the Light* and Tallieferre's *Ouverture*, and before concluding the first half with Alma Mahler's *Four Early Songs* (sung by mezzo-soprano Donna Bruno), the WP premiered Marilyn Kind Currier Hampton's *Throne*, composed in 1992.

There is a certain innocence in the songs by Alma Mahler, masking an emotional content of much greater depth. After several years of marriage, Gustav finally decided that Alma's songs were worthy compositions, and, apologizing for having discouraged his wife from composing, helped her get them published (Susan Rand's program notes suggest Gustav was actually trying to save his marriage). Gorgeously orchestrated by Mufrida Bell, they were finely executed, despite a definitively un-lieder-like flow coming from Faletta's baton. Donna Bruno, a last-minute replacement for Stephanie Friedman, showed some uneveness in tone, but otherwise produced rich, dark colors with her mezzo, which matched the warmth of the WP's string sections wondrously.

After intermission, the premiere of Carol Barnett's *Concerto for Horn and Orchestra* was performed in its entirety, with soloist Krista Smith (WP's own principal horn). Composed in 1984, this concerto in three movements opens with "La Chase," where an elusive horn solo sings seemingly indifferent of an uneasy agitation in the strings, while being echoed by the woodwinds. The tension builds gradually until it is broken by a rattle in the percussion. After an orchestral fanfare is triggered, the horn again floats detached and indifferent above all the orchestral commotion. In the second movement, "Nocturne," the horn's enigmatic line sends the orchestra into a state of self-questioning. Tension builds to an unbearable breakpoint, which brings a terrible realization. Only in closing this movement does the flute offer a tentative, uneasy relief. "La Course d'Auto," the third and last movement, begins with a texturally diverse opening, with instruments nervously and randomly racing with themselves in a self-preoccupied state. Barnett quotes freely from Dixieland and jazz tunes before the horn solo begins an extended, fragmented yet discursive cadenza, which brings the piece to a sudden close.

In a beautiful shimmering purple vest and a headband, soloist Krista Smith played the difficult score with poise and assertiveness. Her unwavering tone and superb technique was a joy to hear and watch, even if as a matter of personal choice, I would have preferred if her lines were a little more connected. Concertmaster Terrie Baune drew chuckles from the audience, as she realized that she was directly facing Smith's mighty noise-maker.

The next concert by the Women's Philharmonic will be April 3, at 8 pm, when they'll perform Victoria Bond's *Urban Bird* saxophone concerto, again at the First Congregational. Call (415) 543-2297 for tickets and info. ✿

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Lea DeLaria: Muff Diva

She's back! She's back! All-singing, all-kissing, all-lap-dancing, all-joking Lea DeLaria *and* her jazz quartet are recreating Sherman's march through Georgia, Wednesdays through Sundays on Josie's intimate stage. Sporting a crewcut, tattoos, rings on every finger and one in her nose, Lea bounces onstage to the no-nonsense introduction: ''Strong enough for a man but made for a woman—Lea!''

Remember last year's tacky prom dress? Forget it. This time out she's wearing a sort of granny print tea gown (Penney's? Montgomery Ward? A&P?) and the ever-present construction shoes. But she's not just another pretty face, as she proved immediately by ripping into a marvelously jazzy attack on ''Until I Met You.'' Impeccable phrasing. Vocal dynamics to spare. DeLaria's a throwback to the '40s and '50s when girl singers knew how to sing instead of just breathing heavily.

''I may be wearing a dress,'' she says, ''but I've kept my boy's demeanor,'' and she pulls up her skirt to flash her white briefs. I couldn't read the label, but eat your pecs out, Marky Mark. Never one to show mercy when ridicule will do the job, Lea aims a few choice remarks at Holly Near's book (''What a waste of a tree'') and faster than I can write, lavishes compliments on another woman (''That babe gave me a wide-on''). Speaking of babes, she digresses, ''What about that Hillary? The long drought in the White House has come to an end.''

Last Christmas Lea gave herself a special present, she says. She didn't go home. She couldn't face another season of small Italian aunts asking when she's going to get married. ''When I stop eating pussy,'' she wants to scream at them, but screams at us instead.

Having slipped backstage to change into something more comfortable (a white T-shirt and black suit) she returns to remind us that the basic difference between a dyke and a lesbian is $30,000. This dyke, she says, is ''uncontrollably *out*.'' As a safe sex fairy, she advocates the use of dental dams which are ''unavailable anywhere,'' or Saran Wrap, which is ''like fucking through a magazine.'' She also bemoans the shape of dildoes available at women's sex shops. Call her old-fashioned, she says, but when she straps on a dick, she wants it to *look* like a dick!'' Her vibrator, she brags, has a snooze button.

Blues and jazz are DeLaria's forte and she can scat with the best of them, which she proved in a duet with Neil Sugarman on sax. Vocally reminiscent of Annie Ross, she sang a really fine ''Why Don't You Do Right?'' backed by the impressive piano of Judy Hall.

Reinforcing her well-known social/political platform that lesbians and gays should support each other, she took a moment to welcome all of the men (about a third of her audience) who were huddled (for safety?) at the rear. She then asked that the door be locked so the lesbians could beat the shit out of them. To her own orgasmic delight she led the male contingent in a rousing chorus of ''I Am a Lesbian.''

Reprising her ''getting to know you'' segment, Lea asked for questions from the audience. Queried as to a fail-safe first line for a personal ad, she immediately came up with a winner: ''What part of 'fuck me' don't you understand?''

DeLaria slipped into a bluesy mood for ''You Don't Know What Love Is,'' and closed shop with a wildly energized ''Everybody's Boppin'.'' She's selling her comedy-songfest tape, *Bulldyke in a China Shop* in the lobby after the show, and since she won't be back for another year, best get one now as insurance against those cold, lonely nights when the vibrator's gone dead.

Muff Diva, starring the irrepressible Lea DeLaria, continues at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint through Feb. 21 at 8 pm, with 10 pm shows on Feb. 12 and 19. Call 861-7933.

''Muff Diva'' Lea DeLaria gives a deLarious performance along with her fine jazz quartet at Josie's Cabaret. Photo by JM Flaherty

Amanda McBroom and Craig Carnelia

New cabaret venues are few and far between, but leading what may well be a local renaissance is Greg Phillips, executive producer of Center Stage in the Hoytt Theatre in San Rafael. Reminiscent of a high school assembly hall, Center Stage is set up with cabaret tables and candles, features good acoustics, fine sight lines and, despite its flaws, a nice sense of intimacy.

But it's the booking savvy of Phillips that has made this room special. Julie Wilson, Andrea Marcovicci and Dave Frishberg have appeared there, and such local celebs as Madeline Eastman, Will Durst and Marga Gomez are coming up.

A week ago I caught singer/composer McBroom (''The Rose'') and composer/singer Carnelia in a double bill at this relatively new cabaret space. It was one of the most enjoyable cabaret evenings I've spent in some time.

Carnelia, whose work is recorded and regularly performed by singers such as Bernadette Peters, Marcovicci, Karen Akers, Barry Manilow and Sharon McNight, wrote the score for the Broadway musical *Is There Life After High School?,* contributed songs to the musical *Working,* and wrote five songs for *Three Postcards,* which opened last weekend at the Cable Car Theatre. Unprepossessing offstage, Carnelia exudes showbiz charisma at the piano. In contrast to another pianist who makes frequent local appearances, Carnelia's outstanding personal attribute is sincerity. And what has that to do with talent? Quite a bit. He's not a romantic crooner; that's not what his songs are about. They're story songs, theatrical vignettes that touch us deeply in their insightful probings of our varied, if humdrum, existences. He is a master of understated ironies (''Just a Housewife'') but his songs can also reveal a lavish exuberance as in ''Life on Earth,'' an alien's report on the breathtaking beauties of nature on this planet.

From *Working,* Carnelia sang ''Joe,'' a poignant recitation of a retired man's daily routine. A cabaret singer's favorite, ''Movie Song'' is a delightful and bouncing recollection of great scenes from old movies. Switching to a guitar, Carnelia sang the deeply affecting ''You Can Have the TV,'' a tearfully brave division of household effects—including the dog—at the end of an affair: ''You keep the records/ I won't need the records/ It's your stereo.../ I'll keep my maiden name.''

From *Three Postcards,* he sang his most performed song, ''Picture in the Hall,'' a moving description of his parents' wedding photograph. ''Miss Schaeffer'' was a love song from a grade schooler to his teacher. ''The Kid Inside'' paid

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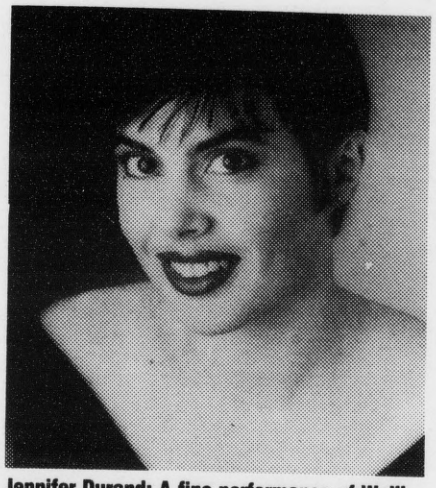
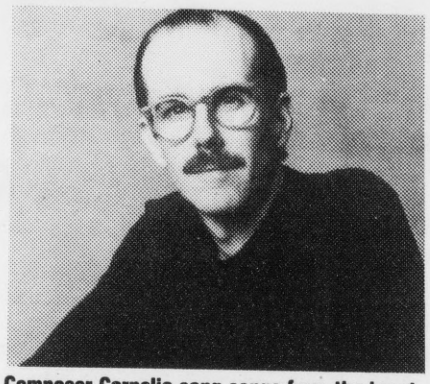


Jennifer Durand: A fine performance of Weill and Brecht.



Composer Carnelia sang songs from the heart at the new cabaret venue Center Stage.

tribute to childhood memories that come flooding out with the slightest provocation, a sight and sound that recall another time and place: "I couldn't forget if I tried... there he goes again... the kid inside." In "Flight," he sings of the soaring of his spirit. Among his several new songs I particularly liked the one about an innocent, imaginary affair between a 43-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl.

There aren't many songwriters around today whose way with a lyric can give you goosebumps. This one can. Without question, Carnelia is one of our most literate contemporary composers. Let's hope he'll be a regular on the cabaret circuit.

Act Two in this memorable evening featured Amanda McBroom accompanied by composer Michelle Brourman. Miss McBroom, whom I've reviewed half a dozen times in half a dozen years, is perfectly matched in temperament to Carnelia. She's as warm, handsome and endearing as ever and she stated her witty feminist philosophy immediately with Brourman's advice-from-Eve, "Take a Bite."

She sang several of her familiar and most requested numbers, including "Ship in a Bottle" and "The Portrait," and some standards that included a gorgeously lush "My Romance." She introduced a fine new song about her actor father, "The Second to the Left of Errol Flynn in the Poster," that resolved itself in the phrase, "disappointment and bourbon are hard on the heart." The heartbreaker of the evening was called "Sweet Dream," about a gay kid and a young girl who take a Greyhound bus to Hollywood, where he ends up being kept by a producer and she ends up passed out and "sweet dreaming" in a raunchy bar. Giving no emotional quarter, McBroom then sang "Crimes of the Heart," a wrenchingly powerful song about an older woman's affair with a younger man. A funny put-down of the macho male, "Tell Me What You Want," followed. She closed, of course, with "The Rose," which even to this day is an emotional knockout in the composer's own voice.

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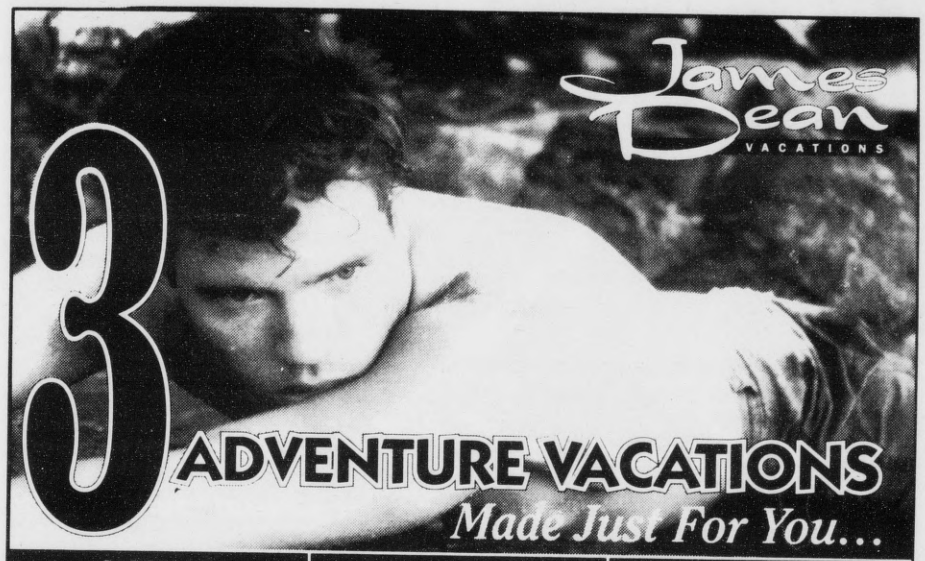

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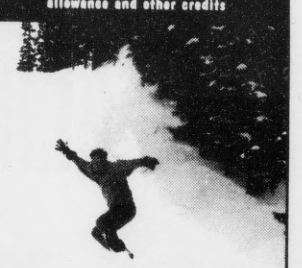

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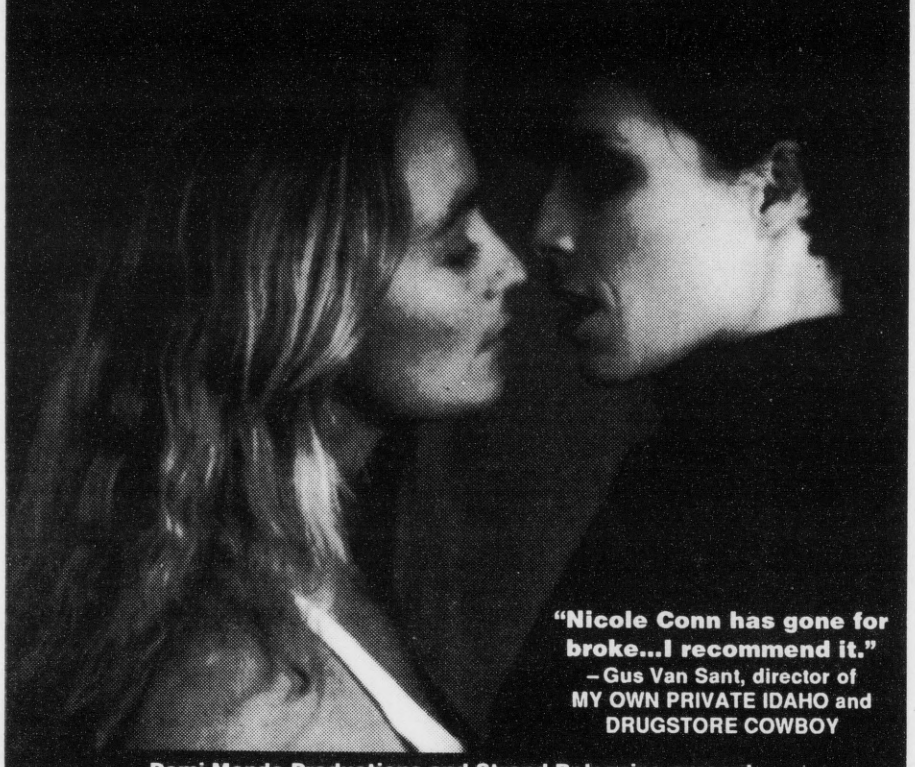

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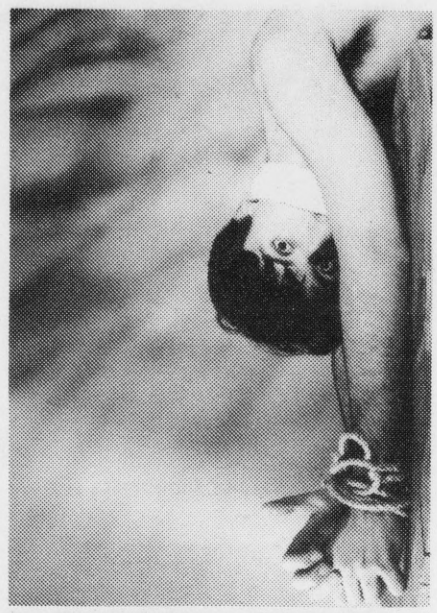
The Promise

Dedicated to the besieged inhabitants of Sarajevo, the local premiere of *The Promise* follows the lives of three teenagers thrown together during the 1942 siege of Leningrad. (One-and-a-half million people died in the 900-day siege.) Despite its avoidance of party line propagandizing, playwright Aleksie Abuzov's drama is one of the most popular to emerge from the Soviet Union since World War II. It played for more than 1,500 performances during its Moscow premiere.

Directed at the intimate Bannam Place Theatre by David Ford, the play has an almost Chekhovian aura of unspoken desperation despite the wartime urgency of its many brief scenes.

Stumbling upon each other in a bleak, deserted room, Lika (Madeleine Gavin) and Marat (Ren Barnebey) join forces to forage for food and firewood. They sleep fully clothed, huddled together on a common pallet while exploding Nazi shells illuminate the dirty window. A shaky but dependent relationship develops during these sexually formative years, but an innocent kiss is the extent of Marat's ability to commit himself.

Crashing in upon them to reclaim "his" room, talkative, would-be poet Leonidik (David Barth) further unsettles Lika and Marat's relationship when he turns his own puppy-like devotion upon Lika. Eventually compelled to make a choice, the inarticulate Marat relinquishes his prior claim and goes off to war, leaving Lika to settle for second-best.



Liam Vincent plays the condemned prisoner in Open Egg Theatre's adaptation of Kafka's "In the Penal Colony." Alice G. Patterson

Years pass, the war is over, and "ordinary" poet Leonidik continues to play the ineffectual and buffoonish lover to the bread-winning Lika. Seventeen years later handsome bridge builder Marat returns. The three survivors must re-examine choices they made in an unseasoned past.

Moody, heavy with what is left unspoken, the drama moves at a leisurely, perhaps too realistic pace, avoiding the potential for passion or despair that might shatter the script's complacency. Gavin was touching as a young woman existing in an emotional wasteland. Barnebey's enigmatic Marat was most effective in those moments when he was called upon to commit himself but couldn't, and Barth gave a strong performance as a man trying not to face his personal and professional failure. Russian to the core!

Ellen Shireman's lighting and David Kaplowitz's sound design were especially fine.

The Promise continues at Bannam Place Theatre, Thursdays through Sundays through Feb. 21. Call (415) 995-4617. ✿

Two Dramatic Adaptations of Kafka Works

One of the Bay Area's newest theater companies, Open Egg Theatre, recently relocated from Colorado to The City. This idealistic and ambitious company has chosen to adapt two very different Kafka short stories into one-act plays. As currently seen at the Phoenix Theatre, the results are as different as day and night.

The sharp-edged yet light-hearted adaptation of *A Hunger Artist*, directed by Thomas McEloy, proves completely successful. A working girl ain't got a chance in this wry examination of the relationship of art to society and the ofttimes unfortunate role of the performer. A "professional faster," the Hunger Artist travels from city to city inspiring awe and/or confusion in all who behold her. Various spectators interpret her "act" through their own emotional baggage. One town even compels conformity by publicly forcing her to eat.

As times and cultural trends change, she devolves from solo artist to shared-bill theater performer. The evening's highlight features the image of the underappreciated hunger artist flanked by the bitchily bickering *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*'s George and a drag version of Martha (Scott Vance and Bretton Vail, respectively). She then slips to a peripheral position in a "modern"

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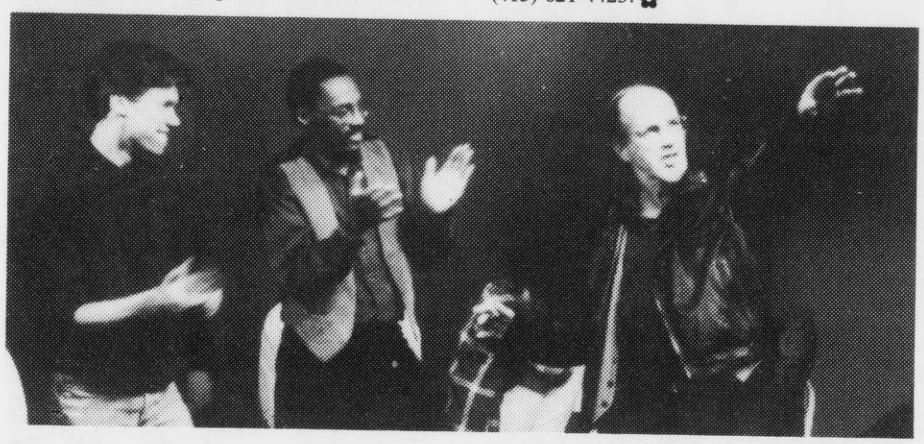
dance-machine/performance art piece. Headed for oblivion, she death-spirals to circus act and finally sideshow freak (with sign "Please Don't Feed the Hunger Artist"). Her final words reveal that she didn't "do it for art" but merely to meet her own strange "tastes." Quirky, bizarre and completely satisfying.

The realization of *In the Penal Colony* proves to be more difficult and ultimately less successful. Kafka's short story explores social vs. personal issues of allegiance, cruelty, responsibility and involvement. An effective production of *Colony* demands a growing tension between the actors and the audience as well as clearly communicated underlying abstract concepts and metaphors. These elements are not forthcoming.

Nathan Palmer as The Officer shoulders the responsibility of making interesting and vital what is essentially a 45-minute improvised monologue. He salaciously explains to The Explorer (in an understated yet effective performance by Scott Vance) the functioning of a murder device as well as the old and new social structures within the penal colony. Though Palmer varies pace, volume and energy levels, all prove fruitless due to a predominantly mundane spoken text which provides only sketchy and vaguely threatening imagery. The visuals do little to help as a female Commandant slinks about conspicuously albeit pointlessly, and two guards snarl arbitrarily while vaguely wielding toy knives. More curious than dangerous. Audience members can only wonder what Kafka's original intent was, or how much better the short story might read.

Offering to "produce theatre in a fresh new fashion.... [The Open Egg] encourages the creativity of the actor. By adapting previously written literature and improvising dialogue during rehearsal, we allow the actor to create characters using their own words." But as *In the Penal Colony* proves, a troupe treads on shaky ground when supplanting the powerful, purposeful work of a literary giant such as Franz Kafka in favor of a few weeks or even months of improvisation. And in all fairness, wouldn't it be more accurate to retitle the pieces and denote "inspired by Franz Kafka"?

The Hunger Artist and *In the Penal Colony* at the Phoenix Theatre until February 14. $6-8. Call (415) 621-4423. ✿



The Actors Theatre performance of Joseph Pintauro's powerful play on the AIDS crisis in the '90s: Ensemble work of the highest order.

Raft of The Medusa

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Raft of the Medusa, Joseph Pintauro's harrowing yet ultimately healing play that turns the audience into mute observers at a therapy session for a cross-section of people who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS, gets a powerful production from Actors Theatre of San Francisco in its Northern California premiere.

Pintauro tries to touch all bases with his melting-pot cast of characters—men, women, gay, straight, bisexual, married, single, white, Black, Hispanic, macho, teenage, effeminate, ex-con, ex-seminarian, Vietnam vet, parent, homeless, drug addict—to show that AIDS doesn't draw the line at any one person or group.

Through Michael (Michael Smith), who blames his dead-of-AIDS lover, Donald (Gilberto Sanchez) for making him HIV-positive, the playwright pays tribute to gays for the suffering they have borne and the battles they have fought for government/public attention to the AIDS epidemic—as well as for the gift of time they have given the rest of the people.

"Gays saved more straight asses," Michael says angrily, "and do they listen? In a year or two, high school kids should be where the gays were five years ago, dropping like flies. They're so in love with blaming us they can't see the gift we gave them."

"Gays were the Paul Reveres," the flamboyant Tommy (Richard Pastor) chimes in.

But that's little consolation to the group assembled at psychiatrist Jerry Rizzo's (Nancy Wold) meeting room in an unnamed city. These are all angry, hurt people desperately searching for some way to make sense of what has happened to them.

They bicker, they yell obscenities, they shift allegiances, they reminisce, they flirt, they lie, they have memory lapses, they regret, they bond, they laugh, they cry, they confess, they hope against hope. At times they break into song and the tension eases. One person starts and others take it up: "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," "I Love Paris," "Chicago."

It's ensemble work of the highest order, and though we get only thin sketches of some of the characters, they overcome cliche when made flesh and blood by the Actors Theatre cast directed by Chris Phillips and F. Allen Sawyer.

Especially memorable performances are Michael Smith bitterly grieving for his dead lover and himself; Lisa Ramirez as Cora, the brittle, smartly groomed professional who took a wrong turn at a singles bar; John Hogan (substituting for the ill Robert Hichborn) as the rock star Alec, who under intense questioning from the group finally owns up to being both gay and HIV-positive; Richard Lindstrom as Larry, an impostor unmasked by the group in the play's most riveting scene; Annie Kunjappy as Nairobi, the speech-and-hearing impaired homeless drug addict who has lost her husband and two children to AIDS; and Richard Pastor as Tommy, the swishy model who yearns for romance and has a tart, funny way with words.

Toward the end of the play there's a heartbreaking scene of connection between the mostly silent teenage girl, Felicia (Luisa Andrianzen), who is new to the group, and the foul-mouthed, homophobic Alan (B.G. Lacquement, Jr.). Other connections are made as the rest of the group gradually pair up for a slow dance that evolves into a tableau evoking Gericault's famous "Raft of the Medusa" painting in the Louvre, from which Pintauro took his play's title.

In the 1819 painting, the survivors, along with the dead and dying, are crowded on a raft made from parts of the frigate Medusa, which sank off the coast of Senegal. In the distance is a ship, but whether it is sailing toward or away from them is unclear. The AIDS analogy is stunning.

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Claire of the Moon

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

The long-awaited lesbian feature film from Oregon, *Claire of the Moon*, is finally opening in San Francisco. Not since *Desert Hearts* have we seen a full-length American film dealing exclusively with lesbian subject matter, with two women playing the lead romantic roles. *Claire of the Moon* is an independent production by writer/director Nicole Conn. It's been heralded as a lesbian love story for the '90s.

The two main characters, Claire Jabrowski and Dr. Noel Benedict, are assigned a cabin together at a writers' retreat for women. Both are published authors of some renown; one is a novelist and the other a psychoanalyst. They are as different from one another as cats and dogs. They squabble through most of the movie, being incompatible roommates who constantly rub each other the wrong way. In the end they reconcile their differences and rub each other in the right way.

Claire, played by Trisha Todd, is a long-haired blond straight girl from Los Angeles with a penchant for bar pick-ups and uncommitted sexual encounters with men. Dr. Benedict, played by Karen Trumbo, is a brooding dyke with a taste for tragedy. They share a fear of intimacy in their lives. Thrown together in small quarters, they get to know each other, despite their initial reluctance to make room for one another's differences. Of course, the film is set up as Claire's coming-out story, with Noel as the wise facilitator.

Noel does an awful lot of earnest talking about what it is to be a lesbian, and about how men and women can never achieve true intimacy. The trouble isn't necessarily with the rhetoric, but with the character of Noel, who is so stiff and un-sensual that the final intimacy achieved by the two women is somehow embodied for the audience only in Claire's orgasms. She got off with men in the movie too, so what's the big deal?

If the point of the film is to show that female same-sex bonding is a feat of bravura sex mixed with deeper romantic love and understanding, we'd have to know much more about what Noel sees in Claire and what sort of promise Claire holds for her as a fulfillment of deep desire. We don't really know much about Noel except for what she literally tells us. Where does she come from? What does she want from the relationship with Claire, besides sex? What is there to the relationship besides fleeting satisfaction? What is ennobling or special about the situation which elevates it beyond the usual?

For me, *Claire of the Moon* just doesn't cut it. The final scene of the film, the sexual climax, is nice to look at, and it is well-orchestrated, but it didn't move me at all. The itch was scratched, but that does not constitute the kind of ecstasy I'd like to experience from the lesbian love story of the '90s.

Desert Hearts was much more of a turn-on. For one thing, the peripheral characters in *Desert Hearts* were beautifully drawn and their presence added dimension and support to our understanding of the psychologies, motivations and needs of the leading ladies. The secondary characters helped set up the drama of the lesbian relationship. *Claire of the Moon* lacks drama. The peripheral characters are all stereotypes and they fail to be interesting in themselves or in relation to the leads. The component of empathy, of compassion, is sorely lacking, and so the secondary characters are just there as stand-ins for types or ideas. The acting therefore comes off as acting-out.

It's not that *Claire of the Moon* is such a bad film. It moves around its ideas and characters like any number of predictable boy-meets-girl Hollywood love stories. Having girl-meet-girl is infinitely more interesting by virtue of its rarity. The leads are attractive and their acting is up to par. The main reason I think this isn't the movie we've been anticipating is that the story is told and explained from the perspective of a straight girl's coming out.

For me, a lesbian love story of the '90s would not have so much reference to heterosexuality and it wouldn't include so much straight sex. It would start from a lesbian perspective and would follow the lesbian lead character. If she became involved with bringing out a straight woman, we'd be made to understand why, and how that fit into her own lesbian history and how it affected her own lesbian identity. Perhaps we'd be provided with flashbacks, not just talk, about her own coming-out process. Ultimately, I think *Claire of the Moon* will be more appreciated by a certain kind of straight audience than by lesbians or gays. But then again, any positive representation of lesbian love on the big screen is sure to bring us flocking to the theaters. It's a step in the right direction, but this one isn't quite there for us.

Claire of the Moon *opens Feb. 19 at the Lumiere Theatre in San Francisco and at the Northside in Berkeley.* ✿

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The Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest was hot, sexy and entertaining.

King of Leather Vern Stewart (l) and Prince of Leather Bill Gooch at the Bal Masque V.

by st. clair adams

Leather & Alcohol

When is enough? Let's not forget that drinking carries responsibilities for both drinkers and their friends. Since the change in the legal levels of blood alcohol, there has been a great increase in D.U.I. arrests across every part of society. Even though the leather community has taken a conservative attitude in dealing with the AIDS crisis, a lot still needs to be done when dealing with this aspect of socializing. Women are strong supporters of the "clean and sober" movement and need more help from their male counterparts. "Clean and sober" does not mean less fun, but means less problems. There will be fewer health, legal and social issues to handle.

I spoke with Irving down at 18th Street Services, which provides counseling for alcoholism and substance abuse for both gay and bisexual men. They also have a branch that was started a couple of year ago to help women, called the IRIS Project. The LSM Round-up (a Leather S/M support group) meets every third Monday at 8:15 in the 15th and Market Street building. There is a leather AA support group that meets every Tuesday also at 15th and Market. One of our very own title holders, Leather Daddy X Irwin Kane, is a counselor at 18th Street Services. According to Irving, although the leather community is a responsible group, it is not exempt from crisis. If you feel that you or a friend needs help, please call 18th Street Services (for gay and bisexual men) at 861-4898 or the IRIS Project (for women) at 864-2364.

There are many more support organizations and services around the San Francisco Bay Area, and I am sure 18th Street Services would be helpful in referring you to those nearest your location. One other service to check out is the Country Club on 18th near Castro. It is a social club where people can party without drugs or alcohol. Also, the Trusted Servants is comprised of clean and sober members and welcomes new members.

Be a friend and don't let your friends drive drunk. Drive them home yourself or get them a cab. If you let your friend drive drunk, you may not have that friend to love for very long!

MR. INTERNATIONAL DRUMMER '93: For those of you who read my last column, there was a typo on Emerson Briney (Mr. International Drummer '93). If you remember, I was in Palm Springs and had to fax in my info. The title was incorrectly retyped, leading to a big faux pas. My most sincere apologies to Emerson and Desmodus Inc.

MS. SACRAMENTO VALLEY LEATHER: The show was hot!!! The SLA members really know how to put together a fun, entertaining, sexy and moral fantasy. They just keep pumping them out one after another. The Mid Eastern staging was well done, as usual. Carolina (Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92) was queen of the stage with her boys at her service. She has made quite a name for herself both in Sacramento and in San Francisco. Donna Shrout (Ms. No. Calif. Leather '92) and Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93) did a fantastic job as emcees. The leather and steel attire they wore impressed a large crowd attending

the contest from all regions of Northern California. A distinguished panel of judges consisted of Beth Key (Ms. South Bay Leather '92), Jana Courson (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '93), John Siracusa (Int'l Drummer Boy '91), Lupe Rosenbaum (Ms. SF Leather '92), Blair (IMsL '92), and Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X).

Jennifer Boyd succeeded Carolina and has promised to be very active. Jennifer has the support of the SLA and many other energetic leather personalities. John Yant (Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather) has been creative in the numerous events and fantasies he has produced. John and Jennifer are a well-matched team and I wish them the best of luck in their endeavors.

BAL MASQUE V: The Ball was well attended with Peter Fiske (His Majesty, Le Roi de Cuir IV) and Don Thompson (His Royal Consort, Le Dauphin IV) reigning over their subjects. About 12 Chevaliers plowed into pieces of cake given to them on stage as they were knighted. Two of the pieces of cake contained toy figures and the Chevaliers who found the objects were given the positions of "King of Leather" and "Crown Prince of Leather." Vern Stewart was crowned King and Bill Gooch was crowned Prince. Everyone was required to wear a mask and costume. Many of the outfits were spectacular, with a lot of effort and talent going into them. I wonder if the ball will have a Queen of Leather next year in addition to the King and Prince, since there was great support from the women. See you next year.

CAL EAGLES' M/C ANNIVERSARY: I had a lot of fun Saturday at the Cal Eagles' anniversary party. The placed was filled and they served some great-tasting food. It is nice to get a break away from stage performances, and the Cal Eagles did a good job of that. They presented last year's officers and the new administration, and also presented plaques to past members. I would like to say how heart-warming it is to feel the energy and love when a moment of silence is held in memory of our late brothers and sisters. A note to the Cal Eagles: You have a strong foundation in your club and many good members. Keep up the good job!

THINGS TO DO

• Friday, Feb. 12—A birthday celebration for Grant Dupont benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. This gala is at the Eagle from 8-11 pm. Ray Tilton (Mr. SF Leather '90), Blair (Int'l Ms. Leather '92), and Lupe Rosenbaum (Ms. SF Leather '92) will be your emcees for a night of entertainment. There is a big line-up of performers: The Cooties with Tony George, Rainbeau, Brad Cavalier, Michael Coin, Gary Birdsell, Nova Lie, the men of Creative Talents, Scott Karnuth (Mr. Int'l Cheeks & Chaps '93), Donna Shrout (Ms. No. Calif. Leather '92), Jeffery Cary (Mr. Gay SF '91), Omar and Lady Bobette (Ms. Gay SF '90). A special guest appearance by comedian Shan Carr with fill you with laughter.

• Feb. 12-14—It may not be too late for you to split town and go to the Copper State Leather Fest IX in Phoenix, Ariz. Most of the events (cocktail parties, crafts fair, workshops, and beer bust) will be held at the Bum Steer on 7th Street. If you want to book a room, call Days Inn at (602) 264-9290 or for more info call Ron Craft at (602) 966-3066.

• Sunday, Feb. 14—Daddy Irwin (Leather Daddy X) and Skeeter (Dyke Daddy II) will cohost a Valentine's Day beer bust at the Eagle with an $8 cover for the bust and a 50/50 raffle benefiting AEF and IMsL. You can buy a clothes pin for $1 to pin on the guest slaves and boys. Irwin's slave Piggy and Skeeter's boy Jamie will be the guest victims. Come join them for a day in the sun and very entertaining day with your Valentine. If you don't have a Valentine maybe you will find one!

• Desert Leather Fest—I have finally set the dates for "Desert Leather Fest '93" to be May 14-16. Events of the weekend include but are not limited to cocktail parties, Cheeks & Chaps contest, masquerade ball, beer bust, singers, comedians and hot bodies. Here are the Host Resorts numbers if you wish to make a reservation. Tell them you are participating in the Leather Fest weekend. Arrowhead Arms (619) 325-9723; Camp Palm Springs (800) 793-0063 or (619) 322-CAMP; Casa Bella (619) 325-1487. If you wish more info on the weekend call (415) 364-1915.

PRESS RELEASES

If you want some coverage for an event you are putting together please make sure you send a press release to my PO Box as soon as you can. Do not send your info directly to the paper, because it would take time for it to be forwarded to me. The sooner you get it in the better chance you have of making it into the column before your event. PO Box #4, Redwood City, CA 94064. ✿

Briefs...

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New Mexico Daily Lobo, a student newspaper. One showed a pierced penis as part of a piece on the current fad of piercing, the other of a gay couple kissing in bed. One columnist for the paper resigned in indignation over what she described as "pornography" in the paper. Not surprisingly, most of the indignant calls were about the queer couple.

Sources include Associated Press and Mainichi Daily News. ✿

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A similar statement was also issued by a group of 12 individuals from the San Francisco queer community. That statement, while not opposing the right of gays and lesbians to join the military, took the Pentagon to task for its oppressive policies.

Ironically, even as debate was focusing on the threat the gay and lesbian soldier allegedly presents to straight military personnel, one gay sailor and a civilian gay man became the latest victims of the homophobia of those same servicemembers.

On Oct. 27, just a week before Clinton was elected, sailor Allen Schindler was murdered by fellow sailors in Japan in what is now viewed as an anti-queer attack. Just a few weeks ago, Crae Pridgen, a gay man, was beaten outside a queer bar in Wilmington, N.C., by three Marines.

FROM THE SUBLIME TO...

Shifting to the right-wing opposition to gays and lesbians in the military is like going from the sublime to the ridiculous. Especially in light of a reported boycott organized by a woman in Viriginia Beach, Va.

Susan O'Brien says she and other women have decided to boycott milk and dairy products from Wisconsin, Defense Secretary Les Aspin's home state. Aspin supports Clinton's lifting of the ban.

O'Brien feels the action will send a message to the new administration.

But despite O'Brien's boycott, polls indicate that public opinion still appears to be about 50-50 on the issue of whether gays and lesbians should serve in the U.S. military.

Phone numbers to call to register your feelings about Clinton's lifting of the ban: The White House, (202) 456-1111; Gen. Colin Powell, (703) 697-9121; the U.S. Senate, (202) 224-3207; and U.S. House, (202) 225-6514. ✿

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East Bay—newly out, looking for femme friends to share interests. Interested in networking, lesbian workshops, events, etc. Also interested in sports, music and art. Prefer ages between 30-45. Reply BT Box FB6A.

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That Jodie Foster came out of the closet and declared her desire for me. But I turned her down, opting for someone who is sure of herself, has the time and desire for midnight bike rides, chocolate, dancing, reading, music, involved conversations & Scrabble. Spontaneous East Bay cutie, avg ht/wt, athletic, 35, seeks cutie/partner for romance, sex, adventure, laughter and travel (not necessarily in that order). Call ★★3958.

A Sexy Voice
Is the ultimate in safe sex. I've had some of my hottest sexual experiences with the help of Pac Bell & women I've known. Now, I'd like to try with women I don't. I don't have time for a relationship & don't have the desire to just pursue the flesh, but would enjoy experiencing & sharing the sounds & fury of unbridled (or perhaps unhooked) passion. If a relationship based on eternal mystery, vocal cords & creative imagery intrigues you, start by leaving a message & beginning a phone-sexual relationship. Call ★★3959.

It's All About You & Me
Me: Black dyke, well-read, physically active, don't do bars, looking for casual relationships. You: have your own life, physically active & adventurous, between ages 28-35. Call ★★3960.

Where's My Cuddlebunny?
I'm looking for a sweet, affectionate lover who has a full life. I've opened my heart to love. I'm very attractive, caring, good sex, good sense of humor. I want to give & receive attention, tenderness. My interests: travel, ocean, good food, play cards—blackjack—and seek someone who is equally happy with their life. Not into bar scene, drugs, drinking or headgames. Please write: Boxholder, PO Box 580633, Modesto 95351 or call ★★3961.

I Spotted My Dream
I stood beside you during the safe sex sluts at Club Ecstasy in January. You were tall and wearing a checkered shirt and jeans. You had short, light brown hair and twinkling blue eyes. I was wearing a deep purple sweater and wire rimmed glasses. Where are you now, handsome beauty? Might it still be possible to find you? Send a photo and I'll swoon. Reply BT Box FB7A or call ★★3962.

Dolphins Love To Swim
Swim into your arms, around your emotions, through your passion, beside your soul. Happy Valentine's to you, L.M.R. Love from your Dolphin.

I Know How To Date
Without merging. I'm looking for a long-term partnership and I can take my time. Meanwhile... I enjoy bike rides, chasing waves, singing, dancing, painting, songwriting, life's simple pleasures. I'm a soft butch babe, 28, 5'7", 140. I'm spiritually centered and in recovery. I value honesty, commitment, humor, trust, loyalty and compassion. I am single, available and worth the risk. Reply BT Box FB8A or call ★★3963.

Want To Go Steady?
Not another clever ad—just to the point. E. Bay artist looking for a strong-willed, attractive, literate femme (40+) with eclectic tastes, humor, intelligence, independence—for dates to art openings, films, dinners (with wine), walks in the hills, stimulating conversations, long hot kisses and sex. Nonsmoker. No children. Reply BT Box FB9A or call ★★3964.

Tigress Seeks Sexy Cub
Me: 41, single, white, slim, petite, intelligent, sensual, playful, fun feminist, bisexual, intense, loyal, nonpossessive, not into roles. You: under 30, beautiful, feminine, slim, intelligent, funny, sometimes cranky, like to be spoiled. Us: coffee, chocolate, red wine, giggling, singing, dancing, kissing, arguing, making up. Call ★★3965.

Lesbian Pieces
Looking for clean and sober relationship with a nonsmoking lesbian. I have brown hair, blue eyes and very plump—great personality and very caring person. Love to go to movies and eat out at fine restaurants. I have not had a steady relationship for over two years. Live in San Leandro. Looking for steady relationship with the right woman. Please call if interested. "Possible love relationship." Call ★★3966.

Looking For A Dance Partner & More!
I love to dance & not in bars. In houses to cheerful, uplifting, old time music; a fun fantasy hippie-like atmosphere environment. Also like hot tubs & saunas, exercise & health food. I'm 40 yrs., 5'4½", long blond hair, green eyes, 130 lbs. Looking for hip chicks to pal around with & much more. Be clean & sober & nonsmoker. Call ★★3967.

Subtly eccentric, shy, nontrendy, literate, political 24 y.o. GWF. I like books, hiking, Scrabble, good conversation. Could use more young queer women in my life. Smokers discouraged. Bi's welcome. Reply BT Box FB10A.

A Very Special Lady
Very sexy bi transsexual sex change M-to-F, long legs, seeks bi femme to play and explore our sexual fantasies. Asian and Japanese please reply, all others are also encouraged. I'm looking for someone to share happy, romantic, moments with; sensual, intimate expression of love and trust between mutually consenting lovers. Quite the wild one I am. Let's cuddle in silk lingerie, enjoy bubble baths, picnic in the park, go to the

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Dykes To Watch Out For

Cultural Exchange
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THANKS, MO. DON'T WORK TOO HARD.
BYE, NAOMI. SEE YOU AT THE CO-OP.
CAN YOU BELIEVE SHE'S SLEEPING WITH A MAN? I KNOW IT'S UNCOOL OF ME, BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING... I DUNNO. BETRAYED.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. YOU CAN JUST HEAR JERRY FALWELL GLOATING. "SEE? THAT'S ALL THEY REALLY WANT."
AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE? IT BUGS ME THAT SHE CAN COME IN HERE AND SOAK UP LESBIAN CULTURE, THEN GO HOME TO HER SAFE, SOCIETALLY APPROVED BOYFRIEND.
AAH, WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF, MO? THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYBODY! I SAY THE MORE PEOPLE SOAKING UP LESBIAN CULTURE, THE BETTER!
OH, REALLY? LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A CODE BLUE OVER AT THE PERIODICAL RACK.
I'LL HANDLE IT.
OFFICE
CAN I HELP YOU FIND SOMETHING, SIR?
UM... JUST BROWSING.
CAUGHT LOOKING
HMM... I FIND THAT PUBLICATION RATHER TAME MYSELF. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS ONE? THIS MONTH THERE'S A HOT PHOTO SPREAD OF THREE TOTALLY TATTOOED BABES WITH STRAP-ONS DOING AN ARMPIT SHAVING SCENE.
AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A REAL THRILL, CHECK OUT THE STORY, "SHE CAME IN WAVES," IN THIS NEW FEMALE EJACULATION ANTHOLOGY!
'SCUSE ME, I THINK I LEFT MY CAR AT A HYDRANT.
NICE WORK.
NOT REALLY. I'M LOSING MY TOUCH.
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movies, and allow each the space to be ourselves. Can you embrace life and all its wonders. Please write describing your fantasies/realities. Call ★★3968.

Quiet Lesbian Seeks Special Friend
Quiet lesbian, 66, seeks special friend. I love hiking and the outdoors, am very much into personal growth. Enjoy my work in women's health. Looking for someone of any age who is caring, empathic, interested in openness and sharing. Reply BT Box FB11A.

Red High Heels
I'm tall, athletic, femme-looking, intelligent, intuitive, stubborn and 39. You're 40, tall & slim, gorgeous, talented, intelligent, difficult, responsible, competent, and the sexiest woman I ever met. Just give me that smile and I'll wear them for you any time. I love you.

Tired Of Reading Alone In Bed
I'm looking for someone who is as active and involved in her life as I am in mine. I'm passionate about my work, my politics, my friends and my fun. I'm Jewish, 35 (almost)... There's a lot more I want to tell you about me, but what makes sense is for us to discover each other slowly. Let's talk. PO Box 460895, SF 94146 or call ★★3969.

East Bay Lesbian
Intelligent, 40s, great sense of humor (often sarcastic), cynically optimistic, humorously pessimistic, reader, writer, movie-watcher. Smokes, consumes caffeine, occasionally alcohol, sometimes meat. Not fanatic about anything. Politically liberal. Loves dogs, cats, fireplaces, strolls rather than hikes, day trips anywhere. Enjoys conversation, verbal jousting. Looking for other intelligent, interesting, honest, caring women into living their lives rather than playing roles. Reply BT Box FB12A.

Let's Emerge
Through an empowering partnership that honors our strong need for autonomy and individual growth, yet satisfies our basic desire for love, affirmation and commitment. I am a multifaceted, emotionally mature, and good-looking petite woman in her 40s with a literary/creative/psychological bent, a youthful appearance, but wise soul and am well-defined, yet warm and sensitive. I like the give and take of lively conversation, appreciate the poetic in people and nature, work hard at my profession, and have diverse interests. Have done my therapeutic work and have had a full plate of life experience to clearly know who I am and what I want. If any of this "resonates" and you (like me) are a healthy, nonabusing woman, I do look forward to receiving your letter (preferably), or your voice mail message. Who knows, maybe we can emerge together. Reply BT Box FB13A or call ★★3970.

Se Busca Chica Latina
Busco chica Latina para ir al teatro, al cafe, de compras, al club, de paseo, etc. Que tenga buena presentacion, comunicativa y alegre. Posicion social o economica no es importante. Edad no menos de 25 y que no sea adicta a vicios, pero si puede fumar o beber un poco. De mi les hablare cuando nos encontremos en el cafe. Me pueden escribir o llamas. Hasta pronto. Reply BT Box FB14A or call ★★3971.

Lonely Woman
I'm a 47-yr-old, heavyset, Black gay woman. Looking for someone who is over 40, honest and caring. I do smoke cigarettes—will give them up for that special woman, with her support. I like walking, talking, being creative, cats & dogs, am a good listener. I want to be able to love someone very special. No S/M, drugs, alcohol; lesbian only. Reply BT Box FB15A.

Head Hunter
Androgynous, African American, 41, 5'6", 138 lbs., seeking feminine companions who just want to have a "good" time. Things enjoyed are movies, fine food, and quiet evenings at home... Use my voice mail box to leave your name and number. I'll call and we'll take it from there. I hate talking to machines, so there will not be a prerecorded message for you when you call. Call ★★3972.

Little One
Come live with me and be my love. I love you! Marry me. —L.

Mexican-American, East Bay Lesbian
Very interested in meeting other Latinas for movies, dinner, long talks, long walks. Tambien hablo Espanol, pero no muy bien. Pero me gustara practicar! Hope to hear from you soon. Call ★★3973.

Dating, Possible Sexual Experience(s)
I'm a white lesbian, late 20s, on the butchy side, who is interested in meeting women of any race for possible (safe) sexual experiences, if the chemistry is right. Not interested in commitment or long-term relationship. Please call ★★3974.

Gap Style & Boyish Charm
Sincere, early 30s, cute, clean-cut, boyish looks, established career and a sharp wit. You are intelligent, feminine, very affectionate, 100 percent lesbian, petite to medium build. Our interests include: lots of engaging conversation, cinema, early morning lovemaking, Levis and cotton top, cafes, romantic dinners and much more. No drugs, heavy alcohol or S/M. Seeking girlfriend/dating situation. Looking forward to a charming, fun romance with you. Call ★★3975.

Hoping For The Best
26-year-old, bi female, shy, student, short brown hair/brown eyes. I like dancing, reading, going to movies, eating out (I am not a vegetarian). I would like to meet a woman to share these activities with who is non-controlling and serious about getting to know me. Must be single. Bisexual alright, but would prefer lesbian woman. Hope there is someone out there who fits this description. Call ★★3976.

Lust—Not Love
I'm not looking for a Valentine—I already have a wonderful one. What I need is an occasional sex date. I like to flirt and fuck with women I don't have a joint checking account with. Tall, big, strong, 39-year-old, aggressive bottom needs andro or butch with strong wrists, latex gloves, lube and good communication skills. Call ★★3977.

A Real Little Shit
30ish, lesbian professional with acerbic wit and well-grounded values seeks not a little honesty, wit, intelligence and sex. If you're 25-35, with a wealth of self-respect and a need for some fun, call ★★3978.

Sexual Healing
Looking for a woman with a safe, warm touch for cuddling and sexual play. (After 3 years of incest recovery, celibacy has become boring.) Tell me what you can do for me that my teddy bears can't. Know that with my big heart and strong martial artist hands, that I can return the favor. Points for East Bay, clean and sober, spiritually stable. Hasta pronto. Call ★★3979.

To A Special Kind Of Girlfriend
I really do believe you. I'm trying my best to trust you. I can't hide how much I want you. You'll never know how much I care for you. Be patient and I'll be so much more than your Valentine. I love you, honey, I really do. (OK, was that romantic enough? Can we get on with shagging now?)

North Bay Aquarian
Pick up truck seen in Sonoma. Driver is 5'2", w/long sandy brown hair and hazel eyes. She is 24 and has been known to be picky, "but I just have good taste." She seeks cute girls with a warped sense of humor and style who enjoy hiking, horses, complicated thought and a good cup of latte or just cute girls. Reply BT Box FB16A or call ★★3980.

Imagine This...
Going to coffee houses, movies, museums and playing sports. Starting as friends and getting to know each other before any romance. Having true communication. A woman who is able to appreciate her feminine and masculine qualities (not butch and not into role-playing). If this sounds interesting and you are between 26-32 and 5'5"-5'9", any race, color-blind and culturally aware, and you aren't intimidated by graduate students, then call ★★3981.

Nature Lover
The search goes on for a kindred soul who is creative, open-minded, compassionate, with a good sense of humor and a spiritual heart. Prefer ages 35-55, but anyone with a lesbian lifestyle and healthy boundaries is welcome. No drugs, booze or S/M. This artist/writer, small-town type, soft dyke will answer all letters of friendship. PO Box 1842, Mendocino 95460 or call ★★3982.

Long, Soft, Gentle Kisses in Sonoma County
Me: GWF, 38, androgynous, attractive, sense of humor, easygoing, financially comfortable, full-figured, casual dress. I like hanging out with my lover, my friends and myself. Playing, emotional and physical intimacy, fun in the sun, kissing, gardening, music, my cats, showers, long, soft, gentle kisses are just a few things I enjoy. You: 35-45, androgynous, attractive, 5'4" +, avg. wt., live in Sonoma County and share many of the same qualities and interests. Turn-offs: smoking, drugs, alcohol, loud people, radical feminists or politics, and most dogs. Lesbians only; no first-timers or men. PO Box 654, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★3983.

Wish Upon A Star...
Well, M-J, here's my second response to your magical ad of one year ago. Because of the first one & your phone call (on Valentine's Day!), I'm happier than I've ever been in my life. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day, honey! P.S., thanks W. P.P.S. These ads really do work!

32-yr-old East Bay computer artist seeks a woman of any age with a sense of style and who is at least aware of art and music from this decade. Call ★★3984.

Are You Asleep Yet?
Lulled senseless by column after column of hip lesbian adjectives? I sent my ad in late and suspect that it will end up on the last page where only the insomniacs and hard-to-please will still be reading. That's perfect. If you're intelligent, 35-45, attractive and slender, don't nod off. I'm seeking a mature, active woman to share time with. Depth of character and a wide range of interests necessary, good sense of humor a big plus. If you are a video-holic, couch potato(e), or think the Stolpas are heroes, please go to the next ad. Rebates for Asians or women interested in science. Calls OK, letters encouraged. Reply BT Box FB17A or call ★★3985.

Postcards From The Edge
You purchased 16 postcards at A Different Light on 1/31/93. I incorrectly rang them up. I was distracted by your red hair & smile. The conversation ended too soon. Let's connect again. Stop by, call or send me a postcard. Reply BT Box FB18A or call ★★3986.

Sweetheart Wanted
Looking for my Valentine—friendship/possible relationship. Enjoy watching sports events, music, outdoors, movies and cappuccino on Sunday mornings. Love dining out, but also a great cook. A little shy at first, but once I open up you'll find I've got a unique sense of humor and can be very romantic. I'm 28 yrs. old and prefer feminine women who share the same interests. Give me a call. Call ★★3987.

Threesome
Make your body a gift to my lover for her birthday, and receive the gift of pleasure in return. Seeking a sex-loving nonsmoker who's a good kisser, and comfortable being a switch. (Bottom tendencies a plus.) You will find an openness to a variety of sexual expressions, and your fantasies are welcomed. We like to do what feels good, and we like to do it for hours. Please be over 28, any race. Interested? Reply BT Box FB19A or call ★★3988.

Mildly Mo-Identified...
Though I'd love to be like Lois. I'm a recently transplanted Easterner living out the grad school existence in the East Bay. I love being outdoors, dancing, k.d. lang, hiking, fiction, NPR, "Rites of Passage," Tilden Park, smooching, lifting weights (and watching other women lift them), and meeting interesting and fun-ha kind of women. I'm tallish with short hair, a wide grin and big feet. Call and say hi. Call ★★3989.

Delicious Dykes...
... Who dare to divine that which is impossible to describe... read on. At 33, this writer with dark hair, light eyes and fire in her cheeks, this tall, strong, feminine feminist values humor, artistry, honesty, nature, communication, music, curiosity, tenderness, playing hard and being sweet (tops that like to be touched too totally titillate her) and knows that it's androgynous and butch lesbians of any color with different talents and similar values that she wants to meet for exploring possibilities. Are you fit and lean, and over 5'6"? Would you like to discover what happens when we speak? Call ★★3990.

Almost One Year
Hi J.D. Yes it's almost been a year since we first met. You brought a smile to my face and happiness to my heart. I miss you! I'd like to talk to you again. I don't know how to reach you. Please give me a call. Take care Snuff. Happy Valentine's Day! —J. Call ★★3991.

Tell Me A Story
Can you make an ordinary day sound amusing and delightful? Jewish doctoral student and mom will show appreciation by cooking you dinner. East Bay, 36, 5'4", 120#, pretty, intellectually self-assured, vulnerable and soft underneath, femme of center, dry wit. Turn-ons: films, theater, walks, TV/cuddling, women who're NS, smart, confident, creative, androgynous to femme of center, slim to medium, sexually aggressive/initiating, and attractive, hot or interesting looking. Call ★★3992.

Namaste
Are you entirely unique walking about in trappings ordinaire? Are you as likely to be entertained by past life or other psychic event, as by a movie or concert? Are you as happy in meditation as in the beta brain wavelengths, but manage to stay earthbound? If so, we sound like friends! Women over 30 preferred—if you're also a masseuse, can Nirvana be yet afar off? Let's investigate! Call ★★3993.

Nude Slave Sought By
Het male trapped in the body of a lesbian and loving every minute of it. This GWF, 20something, has immediate demands for hot femme slave. Petite airhead blondes and demure slutty brunettes preferred but willingness to serve more important than looks. Sexual duties as well as house duties required. Some S/M exposure essential, however I prefer to train. Could evolve into a live-in position. Reply BT Box FB20A or call ★★3994.

Shared Vision
Are you ready for romance with an eye to the future? I envision a long-term relationship built on cooperation, deep commitment, equality and a shared vision. Attractive, 40 +, smart, financially secure, psychologically minded professional with progressive ideals is looking for similar woman. If you are cuddly, tall, strong but sensitive, practical but creative, androgynous but feminine, independent and interested in the outdoors, skiing, emotionally honest communication, creating family, home renovation or cultural events, then you have a special interest to me. No smoking or substance abuse. Interested? Please call ★★3995.

Connecting Heart To Heart...
With an attractive 31 y.o. who is secure, sensitive, strong, honest, humorous and playful, has an open mind, an open heart and a great passion for all of life. I am looking forward to meeting women 30 + who are similarly... attractive in mind and of body with good self-awareness, secure and accepting of themselves and others who also take pleasure in enjoying "life" and "love"!! Let's have fun and our hearts be open!! No smokers or drugs, please. Light alcohol okay. Reply BT Box FB21A or call ★★3996.

Boy Seeks Girl
Me: tall, slender, very attractive, butch, wonderful hands, irreverent, playful, sensuous, intellectually curious, sometimes brutally honest, and very caring. I like films, photography, the outdoors, discussing radical politics, sex, etc., eating out and hot, passionate sex. You: tall, attractive, femme, 25-40 y.o., smart, sexy, playful, creative, sexually adventurous. Artists, activists and intellectuals a plus. Call me. Call ★★3997.

Hey, Beautiful!
Yeah, that's you. You know who you are—you're my big, strong girlfriend, and I'm your boigle, your pebble, your blushing baby butch dyke. Wanna run away with me? How about a cheap motel for the weekend? OK, deal. I love you and Happy Valentine's Day!

The Most Sensuous
Part of a woman's body is the nape of your neck! I'm 32, white, 5'4", curly auburn hair, big brown eyes, kinda shy, funny, passionate, faithful, Scorpio; enjoys comedy, snuggling, kissing, sex, intimate conversations, music, poetry, Rita Mae Brown, movies if I can make snide remarks, guess who dunnit out loud and hold your hand. I take women in my life seriously, could live on pizza but cook well, missing an intimate other to hold close, make memories with and build LTR. You: smart, funny, adventurous, communicative, emotionally available, love cuddling, kissing, slow dancing, enjoy being you, no drugs, 25-45, don't mind polite smoker, looking for LTR too. Will answer all. Reply BT Box FB22A or call ★★3998.

Not A Hallmark Girl
But a diamond with a few rough edges. Don't particularly care for cats, Star Trek or vegetarians. I don't exercise but I love to dance. I'm a light smoker, occasional drinker, and a junk food junkie. I'm 27 and I've been told that I am unique looking. I like to shop Buffalo Exchange, shoot pool, outdoors, clubs and try new things. If interested call me. Call ★★3999.

It's Just A Matter Of Time
Before I find you. Seeking an intelligent, humorous, feisty lesbian. Looking for a woman for romance? Biking, golf, tennis (not necessarily in that order). I have a passion for women who wear glasses. I don't have a passion for rap music. Call ★★4000.

Tall
Seeking a tall 35 + woman to meet me eye to eye physically, emotionally and intellectually. Let's create a future together as we travel, dance, hike and make a home. Ability to communicate about feelings and needs is essential. No drugs or smoking. Call ★★4001.

My roomie and I are tired of going to the movies together. Actually, we are tired of each other. We live in Newark, will travel to meet fun, active, good-looking lesbians in the Bay Area. We both like dancing, live comedy, food and acting right when necessary. I'm Latina and my roomie is Black. Contact us if you'd like to add to your circle of friends—we really can act right! Pls write: PO Box 31653, Oakland 94606 or call ★★4002.

Enjoying My Life
And I would like to meet new lesbians who enjoy the outdoors. I enjoy playing tennis, bicycle riding, working out. I also enjoy wearing makeup. I spend the weekends going to comedy clubs, going to the movies, taking a drive, also dancing. I am 30 yrs. old and into meeting new people. Since Valentine's Day has snuck up on us, maybe there could be someone special out there but not really looking for that person right now. PO Box 31653, Oakland 94606 or call ★★4003.

Not 22 Anymore
Media techno artsy type, musically inclining, suddenly sees lines in her face and realizes it's time to date (lightly) someone more my own age (31) yet still with some wild leanings (mixed with honesty & a serious side). I'm a 5'5", soft butch (I guess), thin, GWF, seeking 5'5" or rising, 26-32, femmish, healthy, cutish, mildly stylish, into dancing, music, media, general hangin' out. No attitudes please. Call ★★4004.

San Franciscan With Plans
Do you want to stay up nights talking about tomorrow? Let's see if we can build a relationship that will give us a place to share our hopes and dreams. I'm a 43-year-old nonsmoker with a graduate degree, heavily into long bicycle rides and reading classical literature. If this sounds enticing and if you want to work on building a committed, monogamous relationship... Call ★★4005.

Consuming Passions
Please respond if you have at least two. Chances of compatibility increase if you take positive action to counter profession-induced mind rot, either have energy or muscles or appreciate them, value spirit but don't equate it with crystals and therapy. Reply BT Box FB23A or call ★★4006.

Today
Did you: take a walk; call a friend/your mother; drive to work; cheer someone up; eat fresh healthy food; read the daily newspaper; fantasize about arousing a woman. If yes, then tell me about yourself. I'm over 40 and intellectually pleasing. Reply BT Box FB24A or call ★★4007.

My Idea Of Happiness
This large, 32 y.o. lesbian seeks a monogamous long-term relationship. My ultimate goal is to settle down with Ms. Right and start a family (small house with white picket fence optional). I like: cats, music, concerts, football, weekend getaways, laughter, quiet times and cooking for two. You: large, age 30-39, warm heart, sense of humor, honest, adventurous, curious and willing to commit. Call ★★4008.

Come Out, Come Out
Where are all you East Bay women hanging out these days? I'm GWF, 30 y.o., seeking friends/dating for movies, dining out, quiet music, walks, working out and getting to know each other. I'm pretty much easygoing & not someone to be embarrassed of—you could even take me home to meet mom. An ad is so vague—let's talk. Call ★★4009.

Want to share you, not your closet. Seeking secure, independent, funny people in an effort to expand my friendship base, perhaps romance. Love to read, hike, scuba dive, share warm fuzzy feelings over orange juice on a sunny morning. Eclectic, intelligent, sincere and accepting of other's humanity, and hoping you can see some of me through the lines of this underrepresentative ad. Call ★★4010.

Sonoma Co. Isolated
Unsupported, can't pursue writing, meditation, parapsychology, herbs, Spanish. Not co-dependency. Cannot live without love. Beach, swimming, occasional vino—espresso, green tea, ginseng cast away trepidations. Desperate. Not relinquishing values: independent thinking, respect for boundaries, communication, compassion, knowledge of darkness, affection. Non-religious; NS; no heavy addictions; quasi-political. Early 40s, cat, KPFA music; recovering ACA (not obsessively blaming). No: long fingernails, rescue missionaries, political sexuality. Reply BT Box FB25A or call ★★4011.

Santa Cruz Lesbian
Seeks S.C. lesbians for friendship and romance. Like me, you are around 39 or older, gainfully employed, androgynous, laugh easily, NS, ND, NA, spirited, enjoy walking, talking, bicycling, traveling. Call me. Call ★★4012.

Exceptional Breed Of Woman(men)
She's honest with herself, sensitive, self-motivated and independent. Like me, she respects her body and surroundings. She's worked (is working) on herself inside and out. She's not easily fooled, but almost totally open when she's genuinely cared about. She's slim, 27-37, at least 5'5", NS. She's a rare breed who is courageous enough to open doors and become pleasantly surprised by their contents. Happy Valentine's. Call ★★4013.

So I Says To Her, I Says...
Jewish mensch desires an enthusiastic, nice Jewish girl to be my true companion in pursuit of the good things life has to offer. Love, laughter, food, sex, home, music, sports, movies and children. I am competent, sensual, humorous and kind-hearted and not afraid to share East Bay. NS/ND. Call ★★4014.

Mature Partnership Anyone
Are you well-seasoned? Experienced in loving relationships? And seeking the adventure of a (dare I say it!) committed partnership? Great! Call this 50 + European-raised and ex-New York professional artist, open arms await the gentle-natured, good-humored and spiritually inclined. Gladly welcomed are the great outdoors explorers, animal lovers and candlelight diners. But tender embraces, kisses and the ability to manage differences are essential eventually! Call ★★4015.

Warm-Hearted Woman
With playful spirit, creative mind and emotional depth is ready to share life's adventures with a woman who enjoys simple pleasures and moments of grace as much as I do. I'm 31,

Jewish, professional, artistic, with wild, dark, curly hair and a contagious laugh. I value honesty, sensuality, generosity of spirit, and the courage to be outrageous. Are you in your 30s, know and appreciate yourself, able to be both strong and vulnerable, and interested in exploring the possibilities? Call ★★4016.

Single?!
I have been single for a while now and am quite content. However, the time has come to meet some new faces (and the bodies attached to them) for friendship or more. I am 30ish, petite and professional. Are you? Call ★★4017.

From San Jose To Concord
We are two very interesting lipstick-wearing friends who live very professional lives. We also enjoy meeting new lesbians. Please understand that we are two friends; we have no romantic interest toward each other. We enjoy being in the outdoors, enjoying the weather. But when it does rain that is when we go to the old faithful Blockbusters. We are not trying to start a community, just expand on our friends. If you are interested in meeting new friends, please reply: PO Box 31653, Oakland 94606 or call ★★4018.

I don't kiss in public to prove a point—I do it because it's romantic! I'm not looking for a wife, or to fix someone's life. I have my own agenda. I am femme, Latina, honest, very funny; I love to play and dance (salsa). I'd like to meet other Latinas that are serious with their lives, 28-38, that are into "something" that I can share & learn: culture, causes, family, arts, etc. I'm not flaca or gorda. I like to change the color of my hair. I work in SF. Are you willing to make a new friend? Pls write: PO Box 31653, Oakland 94606 or call ★★4019.

"Want A Little Sugar In My Bowl"
"Want a little sweetness down in my soul." Woman looking for friends and/our relationship, if the chemistry is right. My passions include music (Nina Simone), dancing, arts, movies, politics, good conversation, butch women and, yes, sugar. Please be over 30, open-minded, down-to-earth, playful and honest. Call ★★4020.

Lesbian, coming out as fat woman, single and celibate for several years, will be at Fat Lip Dance, 2/13, Fort Mason. Looking for flirtations, sexy sweaty dancing, and maybe someone to bring home for the night. Call me, tell me what you will be wearing and why I should ask you to dance. Call ★★4021.

Like Big Girls?
(Like as in lust after; big as in fat and tall.) OK, you pass my first test. Round two: are you funny, smart, articulate, warm, passionate, kinky, and not nuts? Great. I'm all those things too. Also, I'm 31, big, cute, an East Coast transplant, a writer, an ex-Catholic (yes, I confess, I'm a pervert) and looking for a hot sweet love Goddess. Talk to me. Call ★★4022.

Nice But Spicy Too
I like a softspoken woman, attractive, above average intelligence, financially secure. Let's be open to getting to know each other for possible relationship. Dancing, skiing, golfing or kayaking a plus! Call ★★4023.

Looking For Some New Friends
A number of my friends have recently moved away and I miss that closeness in my life. I'm an East Coast transplant (cynicism has a place in my heart), a student in my early 20s, and love to play, be silly, dance, bicycle, read, and schmooze for hours on end. Call ★★4024.

Sensuous Soft Butch Available
Sweetly Southern soft butch ready to settle down. I am attractive, BLF, 32, financially stable, professional, physically fit. Would love to show an attractive, feminine, financially and emotionally stable, single Black or Latina lady some Southern hospitality. Please be 30-35, spiritually grounded with a sense of humor, reasonably physically fit, proud of your heritage and enjoy diverse entertainments. No smokers, drugs. Weight proportionate lesbians only. Call ★★4025.

unraveling double entendres
this time i'm seeking for whom i can be. this time i'm asking for what i can give. a woman for a woman willing to plunge into a moment's passion & linger through sunsets & sunrises. someone who can believe & stay & be here & now. cathexis. 37-yr-old eclectic artiste/entrepreneur wish to evolve w/creative dynamic attractive intelligent tallish sophisticated androgynous svelte professional n/s 32-42 yrs old exhilirated by psycho-socio/ontological dialectics while savoring paella valenciana. a challenge to wine/dine/dance & wake up w/me. pls no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★4026.

Butterflies
Me: tall, attractive, sensitive, androgynous-femme into outdoors, movies, honesty, intelligence, analytical nature, good communication, hot tubs, kissing, romantic play and much more, would like to meet 5'6" or taller professional with similar interests for friendship and dating. Call ★★4027.

Dance And Date
That's what I am looking for. I love dancing—any kind—and am willing to try anything that's new. I'm also open to any other fun ideas you bring along. Fun and friendship has no color or age, but smoking, drugs or heavy drinking makes me lose my rhythm. So you dance. Lovers out there give me a call and let our bodies do the talking! Call ★★4028.

Single?
Newly single Jewish lesbian, 39, politically progressive, seeks other single lesbians to do interesting, exciting & mundane things with on the weekend. Sunday brunch? Call ★★4029.

Trophy Wife
Good-looking woman, a certain age, seeks mature relationship with someone well-bred, cerebral and affluent. A quick-witted woman with refined tastes and a large vocabulary greatly appreciated. Insouciance should be the attitude. Nonsmoker only. Call ★★4030.

Providence
Known to interpret dreams, create vocabulary or peregrinate on less than four wheels. Partial to Capote, Williams, Beckett, Barr and B. Bunny. Value unrestrained dialogue, strong sense of self and call waiting. Let's continue our pas de deux. Call ★★4031.

Blood Red Nails
Adorn this voluptuous, pick-up driving femme who needs her daddy to drive her. Communication, laughter, fun, play required; clean & sober too. Adventurous risk-taker, edge freak desired. No cigarettes, abusers, alcohol, drugs or wannabes-in-training. Come up & see me sometime. Call ★★4032.

"Valiantimes" Angels
Earth feels sacred the longer we walk her. Part-Cherokee pedestrian doesn't fashion-tailor her conscience, nor pay war taxes. I do take another smooth cruisin', semi-retired, accountable, trim, health-consciously gallant gal for my mate. Share the best things in life which are free/low-cost, theatrical, healing, arts escapades/collaborations; poetic license trekking urban gypsy trails, a "mutual generositease" playful laptime (just foreplay a while); skills exchange: my movement therapy, advanced bodywork instruction, creative/promo. writing, amateur tour guiding for your skills, talents, driving. No S/M, smokers, druggers, —aholics, strong scents, put downs. Details, photo, creative humor guaranteed response. Reply BT Box FB26A or call ★★4033.

Your Mystery Valentine Awaits...
If you enjoy keeping pace with an energetic, creative, outgoing, diversified GWF, 37, 5'8", stocky blonde athletic soft butch (yet very much a woman!). My friends all say I'm a real sweetheart, but Cupid's been too busy to return my call. Yes, I'm looking for an eventual relationship, but not at warp speed or from arrow wounds. Perhaps we could meet for sports (esp. golf, tennis, softball, track, pool, swimming and football), scenic hikes & drives, comedy, movies, dinner in/out (I love to cook), motorcycling, karaoke singing, photography and just talking life and politics in a relaxed atmosphere. I'm also an ambitious, aspiring professional singer with a passion for excellence, and especially appreciate women who are 28-40, outgoing, serious about career, dreams and responsibilities, yet can unleash a fabulous sense of humor to balance it all. Let's meet as friends and see where the journey takes us. Reply BT Box FB27A or call ★★4034.

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SHARED INTEREST

Please Note
The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★4086.

Poker Anyone? (Or Maybe Risk)
GWM, 30, seeks other guys looking for a poker game that's social, but also competitive. Or, if you're a serious Risk player who plays to win, that's cool, too. I live in Castro Valley, but commuting's no problem. Since the emphasis is on friendship, I'll meet all respondents first to ensure general compatibility. A photo (returnable with mine) is appreciated so there'll be no surprises on either end (but not required). Write: A.T.H., PO Box 281103, SF 94128.

Puede Usted Leer Este?
Soy un hombre norteamericano y necessito practicar Espanol. Quiero encontrar otras personas que les gustan practical Espanol y les gustan ir al cine, fiestas, etc. Vivo cerca la calle Castro, and tengo 36 anos. Call ★★4087.

Overdue, Open-Hearted Organics
40s, down-to-earth but whimsical lesbian seeking one or more likeminded farmers, country-dreamers, with social consciousness, who want to settle in Northern California & create a non-dogmatic, humane, economically viable lifestyle. Envisioning both part-time farming & jobs, so it helps if you have a movable career and are hard-working and fun-loving, willing to commit & take risks, and sure of your goals. Call ★★4088.

Have Dog, Will Walk?
Looking for dog walking companion(s) in San Francisco. Prefer Golden Gate Park, Buena Vista Park and Presidio area since I live near Geary and Masonic. Call ★★4089.

Charlamos
Estoy formando un grupo informal para practicar Espanol junto. Si puedes hablar Espanol a nivel intermedio, vives cerca de la mision, tienes gracia, y te gusta beber cerveza mientras hablamos, llamame! Call ★★4090.

Gay Games IV
Looking to meet other women athletes training for Gay Games IV—all sports—to exchange tips on exercise, nutrition, training strategies, and possibly get together for group training sessions. Call ★★4091.

QWF (Queer Writing Females)
We are a group of serious queer women writers who... wait. Start again. We are a group of frivolous queer women who are, nevertheless, quite serious about writing. By serious, we mean (a) serious about improving our work and (b) serious about getting our work published. (Some of us are already published, some are not.) We are looking for others of our ilk to expand (slightly) the size of our group. Purpose of the group is to provide motivation and constructive criticism, and to help overcome procrastination, writer's block, laziness, low self-confidence, and other writer's diseases. Ground rules: We meet every other week. If you don't bring something you've written, or if you skip a meeting without having a darned good reason, you have to bring homemade brownies to the next meeting. Please be sex-positive, bi-positive, S/M-positive, sex-worker-positive, blah, blah, blah. No poetry, we can't cope with it. If you're interested, please send a sample of your work to BT Box FB600A. (P.S., if you answered this same ad last year, please answer again—we apologize for not getting back to you, but we got distracted.)

Runner/Triathlete Seeks Companion
Masculine, 34, 6'1", 190#, seeks buddy for companionship to Bay Area 10ks/biathlons/triathlons. I enjoy these events and would like competing in these/training with a stud who is also into it. Let's lust together after those triathletes' bodies! We can begin with companionship/training, possibly more with the right buffed, tall, dark, sexy hunk! Out-of-area possible. Box 283022, SF 94128-3022 (photo returned). Call ★★4092.

Czech It Out!
GWM, 46, wants to meet Czechs or other people who want to learn and practice the Czech language. Let's practice together. Let's plan a trip to Prague. All welcome. Serious replies to Boxholder, PO Box 640016, SF 94164 or call ★★4094.

Deadheads
We're organizing a contingent of gay/lesbian/bi Deadheads for the Gay Freedom Day Parade, with the theme "No Time to Hate." We'll have an organizational meeting March 20 (watch the Calendar section). If you want to march with us or get involved or just meet other gay/lesbian/bi Deadheads, call ★★4095.

Playmate
Want to go to the movies or go dancing sometime? Or maybe swimming and hiking? I'm looking for older lesbians, 55 to 65, to play with. I don't smoke, drink little. Live in East Bay but travel to City often. Call ★★4096.

Baby Butch Seeks Big Brother
Active, aggressive, athletic, charming, super-smart and very verbal, almost 5-year-old loves male energy and needs big brother/couple with whom to play rough, play ball, go to the park, go swimming, tickle, and generally do guy stuff. Please be East Bay, NS, and able to make a year or two commitment. Call ★★4097.

Daytime Adventures
East Bay Jewish lesbian, late 30s, with good mind, good sense of humor, recovering from illness, seeks daytime friends for movies, lunch and other daytime adventures. Lesbians and gay men who are working with issues related to living well with serious illness particularly encouraged, but other daytimers welcome. Call ★★4098.

Recently Entered Your 30s?
Are you currently experiencing the kind of recreational exposure you desire? Adroit lesbians needed to perform complex assignments (hang out in cafes, bars, English pubs) to develop, apply and maintain chosen tasks (play cards, games, mankala), and to perform competent exchanges (chat). Excellent verbal communication and analytical skills a plus. Some Saturdays and evenings involved. Not looking for romance. I have a lover. Reply BT Box FB601A.

For Dreamers And Dream Workers
GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say, "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Let's get together and help each other discover the meaning of our inner thoughts. Call ★★4093.

German Male Couple
In mid-30s is looking for an American man who can brush up our bad English language skills. Living in the Castro area and staying here for 4 weeks. Let's meet. Please call ★★4099.

"Space-A" Eligible?
Youngish GM retiree seeks adventure and "cat. -4" travel with compatible GM retiree or reservist. Must be physically fit, financially independent, smoke- and drug-free. Let's meet and discuss. Call ★★4100.

Womyn In Need
Progressive Chinese male, youthful and athletic, 45, 5'9", wishes to meet similar female counterpart for friendship. Enjoy politics, world and local events, arts, dancing, dining out, hiking, gardening and diverse music. Interested in broadening and sharing life experiences, especially with an Asian womyn. Must have a sense of humor, be kindhearted, have a touch of class and somewhat calm, cool and collected. PO Box 27024, SF 94127.

Motorcycles
I'm looking for other men and women interested in riding or working on our motorcycles together. Not interested in forming a club, just a group of gays and lesbians who want to get together informally. I am a 47-year-old professional who happens to love motorcycles and rides a Harley FXR. If you are interested, drop me a note and I'll give you a call. Note: this is not an ad for sex or romance. If that is what you are looking for, please respond elsewhere. Reply BT Box FB602A or call ★★4101.

Nymph/Maiden/Crone
Established women's spiritual group seeking new members. Inclined toward paganism, celebrating life and each other through ritual, howling at the full moon, holy hijinx, drumming, chanting and recognizing the seasonal changes of our Mother Earth. So... if you do as thy will but harm no one, believe that life is a Spiral Dance, and that the Goddess is alive and magic is afoot, please call ★★4102.

Skiing Black Diamonds
32 y.o. GWM looking for other "expert" level skiers. Skiing ability & physical fitness must exceed the usual average. You must be masculine & discreet. Call ★★4103.

Be Ours—Group Action
Players wanted, exper. reqd. Must swing and have good hands. Women's "B" League Softball. Call ★★4104.

Calling All Pilots
I'm working toward my private and plan to become a commercial pilot. I'd like to meet other flying enthusiasts. I'm a 29-year-old, sincere and in-shape GWM who enjoys meeting new people. Other interests include hiking, cycling, travel and photography. Call ★★4105.

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BISEXUAL

Inexperienced Bisexual
Native San Franciscan, good-looking WM, 6'1", brown hair, blue/green eyes, 29-year-old doctoral student, prof., smart, healthy, athletic, stocky, warm, sensitive, safe, unpretentious conversationalist, and great at giving massages. If you find yourself interested in these attributes or if you are intrigued, I am eager to discuss the many possibilities. Let's talk! I promise to respond to all. 750 La Playa, #741, SF 94121 or call ★★4051.

To The Woman Of My Dreams!
I am a 20-year-old single mom, full-time student. Looking for a kind, loving and wet gal to cuddle and kiss. I am loud, sexy and extremely uninhibited. I love dancing, music and romance. You must be open, sensitive and shy a+. Not into femme/butch. Looking for someone under 25; someone who's real and not afraid. Try me. Call ★★4052.

Bodies With Brains
BiWM looking to expand circle of bi friends. I would like to find people to do things with on weekends and mornings during work week. I am an athletically inclined man who enjoys swimming, weight training, tropical beaches, hiking, intellectual conversations and other pursuits. If you are between 20-50 and similarly inclined, then let's meet. Let's exchange photos and correspondence first, and sharpen our literary skills. Reply BT Box FB300A.

Straight/Bisexual Men
Are you between 20-50, extremely good-looking, very masculine, hung like a horse and wonder what it's like to get head from a 30-year-old, good-looking, masculine stud who is convinced it will be far better than any woman can give. Write w/photo: Boxholder, 350 Laguna St., #16, SF 94102 or call ★★4053.

Slave Needs Owner
SWM, 33, bi curious, seeking dominant womyn or couple to take control of me for your amusement/pleasure. I have exp. as house/yard slave, cook, masseur, pain/sex slut. Enjoy forced feminization, caning, strict bondage, C&B, TT, foot/body worship, humiliation & exhibitionism. True slave and masochist offers complete obedience to your command and desires. Please call ★★4054 or write to PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611.

TV In SF
I'm looking for a F or male that likes to massage and/or gets turned on to a TV. (Squeezing, kissing, etc. OK.) You tell me what you like in a TV (which I am sometimes). I'm a shy, sensitive, SWM in his 30s, BA degree. Call ★★4055.

Attractive TS
Like to meet attractive, masc., hairy, slim WM, 35-47, who is very active, sensual, a lot of kissing, touching, a bottom, a lot of cocktails for two, possible ongoing friendship/companionship. Call ★★4056.

Tri
Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. RSVP, Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Bi Woman Seeking Cute Bi Guy
I'm 30ish, attractive, bright, compact. My last few lovers have been women. Would love a bisexual male buddy for hanging out, fooling around (safely), dancing, saunas, "cultural" outings, and generally being pals. Seeking someone politically left (important), funny, nonsmoking, comfortable relating outside of gender roles, kind, sensual, sane, HIV-, preferably SF resident. I am all of the above. Open to all races. Reply BT Box FB301A or call ★★4057.

Wanted: Married Or Bi Men
For discreet daytime-early evening encounters at my place in the City. I'm very attractive, 6'2", 200 lbs., blond-red/blue, mid-30s, athletic, HIV- and straight-acting/looking. Recently separated and would like to explore the other side. You must be good-looking, in good shape, HIV- and very masculine. If things work out the sky's the limit. Write to PO Box 427087, SF 94142 or call ★★4058.

29-year-old androgynous athletic dyke seeks queer boy(s) for friendship or fling. We'll share common interests if you: are passionate about your work; have progressive politics; like sports (playing and spectating); ride a motorcycle; go for kinky sex. I want male energy in my life and just recently started noticing again how sexy you guys can be. Call ★★4059.

Our Logic Is To Be Illogical
"Voluptuous, severely pop-culture-damaged, glamorously grungy bi-dyke, looking for a partner in crime (any gender, any crime) to share dresses and music... Partial to the Improbability Drive, the Silver Platters, webs of self-reference, the Toad Elevating Moment, civil disobedience, the Everpresent Wordsnatcher, two clearly insane people. Binewski's Fabulon, Sadie, Tania, coyotes and time as an abstract." Call ★★4060.

Dominatrix Seeks Bi-Female
To amuse myself and my other slaves &/or to be punished, exposed, tied up... You must be trim, femme, adventurous and under 40, as I am. Intelligence, style, creativity, and lasting friendship are extra pluses. All limits respected. We talk first. Call ★★4061.

Creative Stud
GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, very attractive, muscular, with 42" chest, 29" waist, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks attractive, in-shape, bisexual couples/singles under 45 to entertain creatively. All degrees of participation discussed. Discretion assured. Call with detailed description. Call ★★4062.

Strip Poker, Etc.
Submissive BiWM seeks card shark—or others interested in safe dominant/submissive play. You know, the usual light B&D, humiliation and so forth. I'm attractive, 30s, with a small, boyish body and a nicely perverse mind. Special interest in dominant (or just curious) women, but all M/F/? considered. So try a hand, it's winner takes all. Call ★★4063.

Fag With Dyke Inside
Cute hung tattooed young gayboy seeks pretty girls to explore the other side. Call ★★4064.

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Bisexual Virgin
Handsome young gay male wishing to experiment with what the other 90 percent enjoy. I've never really had sex with a woman, but am hoping to find sensitive individuals or couples who will help me raise my sexual consciousness to include females. I'm in my 20s, HIV-, 5'9", 145 lbs., very attractive, in-shape and very fun. Call ★★4065.

Muscular Buddies
Very muscular, attractive BiWM seeks well-built buddy. I'm 6', 170#, 31, longhaired, killer smile, masculine, HIV-, adventurous, into hiking, workouts, camping, music, comedy, road trips, bud, swimming, surfing. Want buddy for ongoing fun times and great safe sex—not a "husband." You're muscular, HIV-, over 5'9". Extra points: bi, outdoor type, long hair, North Bay. All replies with photos answered. Discretion guaranteed! Boxholder, PO Box 3443, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★4066.

Pretty And Petite
MTF TS, 5'3", 115 lbs., late 30s, lives as a woman full-time, always passes. Seeking intellectual individuals whose interests include politics, film, literature, dancing, food and the outdoors. Prefer females, but exceptional males also considered. No married men or male TVs. Photo exchange OK, all photos returned. Reply: Box 229, 3311 Mission St., SF 94110 or call ★★4067.

Yin My Yang
Eurasian (Japanese/Irish, etc.) dude, 5'8", 155 lbs., brown eyes, long brown hair, buffed, smooth, 30thirtysomething. Likes swimming, saunas, sushi, Scriabin, and absolutely safe sex. I would like to meet svelte playmates, Asian or Caucasian, male or female, under 30something for heavy petting. Reply BT Box FB302A.

Lingerie Loony
SWM, 40s, bld, very blue eyes, fit, ex-jock, gymnastics, tennis, HIV-, financially very successful in the arts, outdoors oriented, masculine appearance and demeanor (no queen here)—but with feminine heart & feelings & passion for antiques, cooking, gardening, sensual fetish clothing, consensual power exchange either way. (Desperately seeking) intimate, communicative relationship with attractive, fit, artistic, educated, nonsmoking women, M/F couple or F/F couple. Call ★★4068.

TRANS

Amerasian transsexual male (FTM), 5'3", lean, attractive, professional seeks down-to-earth, kind, gentle, femme for friendship and romance with potential for commitment. I enjoy classical concerts, fine dining, dancing, bed-and-breakfast weekends and the outdoors. Friends tell me I'm dapper and have a dry wit. I'm well-educated, hard-working and love to have fun. Nonsmokers please. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 8402, Berkeley 94707-8402 or call ★★4074.

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I'm looking for a F or male who likes to massage and/or gets turned on to a TV. (Squeezeplay, kissing, etc. OK.) You tell me what you like in a TV (which I am sometimes). I'm a shy, sensitive SWM in his 30s, BA degree. Call ★★4075.

Attractive TS
Like to meet attractive, masc., hairy, slim WM, 35-47, who is very active, sensual, a lot of kissing, touching, a bottom, a lot of cocktails for two, possible ongoing friendship/companionship. Call ★★4076.

Seeking Real Color!!
Vegetarian Latino FTM faggot seems FTM of color for dancing (Box, Product, El Rio), literature (Assotto Saint, Piri Thomas, Langston Hughes, Francisco X. Alarcon), hard bop jazz, Euroclassical music, world music, foreign films, camping, beaches. If you know who Arsenio Rodriguez, Eric Dolphy, RuPaul, Maria Bethania are, call! No: "recoveries," smoking, drinking, drugs, "leather jacket attitudes," "explorers." No exceptions! Call ★★4077.

Pretty And Petite
MTF TS, 5'3", 115 lbs., late 30s, live as a woman full-time, always passes. Seeking intellectual individuals whose interests include politics, film, literature, dancing, food and the outdoors. Prefer females, but exceptional males also considered. No married men or male TVs. Photo exchange OK, all photos returned. Reply: Box 229, 3311 Mission St., SF 94110 or call ★★4078.

MEN

Middle-Aged Beefcake
Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 45, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, nonsmoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Extraordinary...
Is the relationship that this single male is looking for and will have. Why settle for anything but the finest? If you are an unattached male with an insouciant, unconventional personality that can handle life's "situations" without going through "changes," then I would like to meet you and we can go from there... By the way, what do you want for Valentine's Day? Please forward your address, phone number and a recent picture, (we might see each other in a domestic/international airport and never know). I will return your picture. Call ★★4106.

Muscle Man
You're muscular, macho, masculine and buffed, but enjoy being bottom to 6'1", 165 lbs., smooth, soft, dark-skinned, androgynously beautiful guy. Call ★★4107.

East Bay Pussy Boy
Wants to show you his hole, get you hard, take you up the ass, thank you for giving it to him, and beg you for more. (I like dirty talk.) Stats: 5'4", 145#, Black, 40 y.o., smoker. Please be in decent shape and attractive. This is not just a sex ad. I want to meet you and be seduced. Reply BT Box FB70A or call ★★4108.

Seeking Dominant Man
Dominant man into S&M and humiliation scenes sought for possible relationship by very good-looking WM, masculine and well-built, 36, 5'10", eager to fulfill your unusual or kinky desires (but nothing too intense or unsafe). Looking for sophisticated man who is masculine, preferably hairy, 35-45, good talker and knows what he wants. Call ★★4109.

Educated Asian
GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, dependable, employed, college graduate, no smoke/drug. Like antiques, arts, classical music, beaches and quiet evenings. Seek intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship; friendship first. Reply BT Box FB71A or call ★★4110.

Asian Aroused
And looking for landing. Seeking traditional family values: intimacy, sharing and long-term compatibility. Adventurous, intellectual, masculine yet sensitive describe me. Handsome and fit, 5'6", 128 lbs., early 30s. Would like to meet sweet and cute guy or compatible equal near my age or younger. Race unimportant. 5214-F Diamond Hts Blvd., Box 812, SF 94131.

Looking For Chubby Buddy
I'm 47, beefy bear, bottom, masculine and sincere. Looking to meet masculine, chubby guy, 25-45, for friendship and more. Let's meet and get to know each other. I live in SF. Send photo to PO Box 291, Daly City 94016 or call ★★4111.

Sonoma Co. Fuckbuddy(s) Wanted
It doesn't have to be love to be pleasurable. I'm a friendly, good-in-bed, masculine, 45 y.o. WM desiring to meet a WM sngl/cpl under 40 that equally enjoys TLC sex. Me: 5'7", br/blu, (thinning), HIV-, clean-cut, average build, nice-looking, sexually versatile but not kinky, prefer similar. Your place or mine. Newcomers, first-timers OK. Discretion assured. PO Box 6643, Santa Rosa 95406 or call ★★4112. Don't be shy, try.

Great Lovers Are Great Friends
I'm 6'2", 165, blk/grn, handsome, free-spirited Southerner, 30s, HIV-, new to city. I love being spontaneous, keeping fit, motorcycling, giving, laughing, campfires, healthy cooking, cats, smooth bodies (blonds a+), meditating, and simple living. Seeking an attractive and fit, cleanshaven optimist around my age who doesn't smoke or do drugs, has little body hair and no attitude, and doesn't need me to be happy. Call ★★4113.

Can You Do Your Own Tool?
If you are 30+ and would like to have a videotape of yourself in action, healthy GWM who is fascinated by men who can suck themselves off will be happy to provide this service. Completely discreet, confidential and safe. If you are interested, send description and photo (returnable—xerox OK) to Boxholder, 740A 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★4114.

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Emotionally & financially secure, honest, compassionate, NS/ND, HIV-, healthy & fit, 30-something GWM into traveling, massage, my home, inner-growth, *A Course in Miracles*, Unity & Science of Mind, spicy Reds & Sauvignon Blancs, Red Zinger & Good Earth decaffeinated teas and making you melt, purrrr mmm good! Looking for similar in soulmate. Please write soon with photo (flannel sheets and fireplace aren't enough) describing yourself physically, emotionally, spiritually, sexually, professionally, goals & dreams and why you would make a great Valentine. Reply BT Box FB72A or call ★★4115.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted
For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6' tall, 160 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet with traditional values. I need a cleanshaven Asian in his 20s, for companionship, including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, I'll put you at ease. Reply to the Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★4116.

Irishman Looking For Love
You like older men, I like younger. Are you young, healthy man, 18-35, who desires love, sex and friendship with Irishman, 53 yrs. young? When all three go together, it's wonderful. If you are Irish or Oriental a plus, but am attracted to all young men attracted to me. I'm ready! Are you? Write to me. Box 8522, 537 Jones St., SF 94102.

"The Real Thing"
Tired of answering ads where most are fabricated lies? The following is the real thing: I'm extremely good-looking, moustache, 6', 175 (30 waist), 40 yrs. old, HIV+ (healthy), professional. I'm looking for a muscular top, good-looking, well-hung, into CB/T, bondage, leather, one-on-one man sex, also cuddling and hot kisser—possible relationship, definitely a friendship. If you're not the real thing, please don't lie. Reply BT Box FB73A or call ★★4117.

At Last
Attractive, albeit middle aged (45) and short (5'6", 135), GWM has high hopes for '93, a year of creativity, adventure, accomplishment, and new beginnings. I'm also moustached, HIV-, romantic, exclusively oral, relatively intelligent, independent, sober and, at last, emotionally available. You are 30-50, good-looking, healthy, honest, artistically inclined, pensive but not dour, compassionate, affectionate—a regular guy who's really rather exceptional. A letter and photo will be appreciated. Reply BT Box FB74A or call ★★4118.

G'Day Mate!
Just back from 3 weeks relaxing in Australia, I've figured out what I seek in a mate: an energized, masculine animal who is playful, a wordsmith with an intelligent mind—such as a career person or successful artist, excited by bondage/S&M scenes, but not already in permanent bondage to San Francisco. Dark-haired, HIV-, between 25 and 45, my mate is probably under 6' and definitely enjoys Greek, both ways, safely. I'm a career-oriented professional, 39, a broad-shouldered, strong-chested Sagittarius, independent, but very affectionate, I'm 6', hairy all over (except up top) with a big moustache and long-lasting staying power when I'm topping someone I love. We enjoy playing cards (or other games!) with another couple, movies and the theater, bicycling and perhaps swimming laps together. Bars and bathhouses are not the places to meet a long-term friend and form a stable relationship. Write today and begin sharing your hopes, dreams and fears with someone who cares, you boy-man you! G'day Mate, 5 Town & Country Village, Box 728, San Jose 95128.

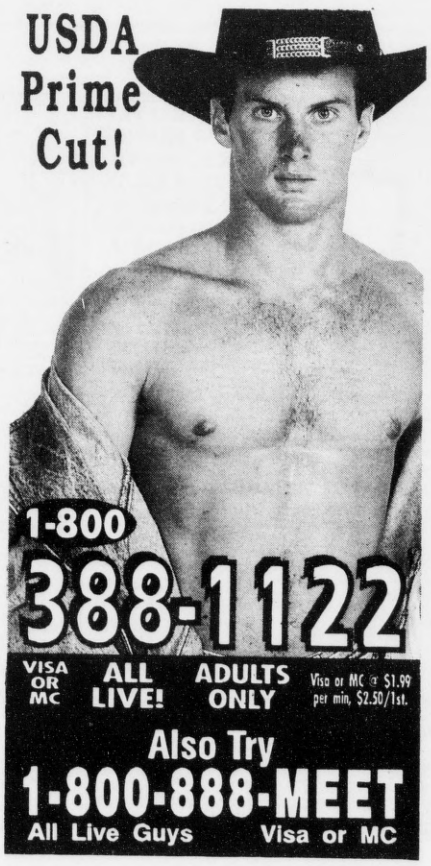
Head Hunter
WM: trim, washboard body on this 5'6", 135 lb. frame. Above-average good looks, brn/brn, 49; handsome, full 7" + cock. Looking to share time, warm hugs and phenomenal head (no Greek) with good-humored guys with extra big dicks. I'm smart, affectionate, have an irreverent sense of humor, am emotionally secure and available. Do you keep in shape? Wanna date? Friendship a possibility. Let's talk! Call ★★4119.

West Marin Single Man
I'm a big man, 6'2", 44, and seek a man to 30ish who is lean, HIV-, and who might just be looking for a new loving, living situation. Enjoy working out, mountain biking, hiking and the Macintosh computer. I think there are only two types of people on this planet: givers and takers. Guess what type I seek? (Grin.) AMS, PO Box 835, Inverness 94927.

Wanting It All
I've got it all to give and I want to get as good as I'm giving. I'm the intrinsically masculine, socially graceful, adventurous, golden-hearted, athletic, culturally enlightened, strikingly handsome, clean-cut, all-American boy next door that it seems everybody wants to find, and I'm looking for another young guy who's my equal. My stats: WM, 27 (look younger), 170 lbs., 5'11", brn/blue. Life is too extraordinary, sweet, and short, to not make the most of it. I've spent a lifetime building truly inspiring qualities and find that now I want to be inspired, too. I took the first step: this ad. You make the next: write or call me. You won't be taking a chance because I'll answer every response. Reply BT Box FB75A or call ★★4121.

Someone For Me
Good-looking GAM looking for love and relationship. Great personality, good sense of humor, honest and caring. Sexually versatile. I'm 38, 5'7", 145 lbs., healthy HIV+. Interests also include reading, cooking, working out and traveling. Not into bars or smoking. I'm seeking attractive WM, 35-45, masculine, sincere, nonsmoker with some similar interests, to share life with. You won't be disappointed. Letter with photo to BT Box FB76A or call ★★4122.

Peninsula Butt-Fucker
Wanted by 38-yr-old, smooth-skinned Filipino, husky at 210, who yearns for a hairy-chested



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Are You Lonesome Tonight??

GWM, black Irish, HIV+, early-30s, looking for a butch-versatile man. A good sense of humor is essential. I'm looking for someone who enjoys good, wholesome food, just like grandma used to make. I have a wide variety of interests ranging from theater to dining out, but also am comfortable watching ice hockey, eating pizza and having a couple of beers with the lads. Reply BT Box FB77A or call ★★4124.

Handsome-Masculine-Monogamous

Strikingly handsome 31-year-old GWM with Mediterranean (French/Spanish) looks. Brown hair/eyes w/moustache, 5'10", 170 lbs. I work out 4 days a week and have a well-built, lean, muscular body. I am honest, romantic, sincere, confident, naturally masculine & a financially secure professional. You should also have the above traits plus a sense of humor & be willing to commit to a monogamous relationship. I'm very faithful when I make a commitment & expect the same. You should be good-looking, 33-43 yrs. old, height proportionate to weight, sexually versatile & no drugs. Send photo (returned) & letter to BT Box FB78A or call ★★4125.

Asian

Caring GAM, 44 y.o., 130 lbs., 5'7", HIV-, young-looking, honest, romantic, easygoing, hoping to find "special," mature GWM for possible relationship. My interests include music, travel, movies, quiet times... not into smoking, drinking. Just wonder if there is a companion in search of something similar. Drop me a line. Photo if possible (will be returned). Reply BT Box FB79A.

One Good Man Deserves Another

We: 30-45, variety of interests & pursuits, in-shape but not fanatic, responsible, cheerful, NS/ND, won't marry anyone quickly but looking to date "husband material." Me: 6'2", 195#, blond, 'stache (always), beard (now), versatile sexual interests but out of practice, HIV+ but doing fine, live in CC Co., work SF. You: an interesting adult man, probably shorter or thicker than me, probably dark hair. Let's exchange photo & brief letter: 41 Sutter St., Box 1215, SF 94104.

Shy/Positive/GWM

GWM, 41, 5'9", 165#, red flat top, blue eyes, smooth, cleanshaven, 6" cut, healthy HIV+, shy, cigarette smoker, light drinker. I'm versatile but a bottom at heart. Seeks GAM/GWM, 28-38, smooth, average to better build, healthy, HIV status unimportant. What is important is that you want someone to love and possibly develop a long-term relationship. South Bay, East Bay. No drugs. Reply BT Box FB80A or call ★★4126.

I'm Happy

And I'd like to share the things I like with another happy guy. Food, wine, music, conversation, travel, intimacy. I'm Jewish, 45, lawyer, live in Oakland, work in SF, wavy brown hair, 5'9", 175, HIV-, cleanshaven, hairy-chested (but prefer smoother men). Don't write if any of these things are important to you: cigarettes, drugs, television, spirituality, one-night stands. If you're still reading, let's exchange photos. Reply BT Box FB81A.

East Meets Far East

European-born video producer, 48, seeks warm, communicative, sensual, nurturing relationship with Asian, 25-35, who values the deeper things of the heart. I'm a compassionate, spiritually oriented fellow with a fund of creativity as well as a large appetite for the comic. My friendships are lasting. Interests include the healing arts, language, community and stage performance. I'm 5'7", 150#, HIV-, with salt and pepper hair, gray-green eyes, Roman nose. I look 40, am trim and appealing. You're a sensitive, thinking guy, outside the bar circuit, who flourishes in the love of a more mature man. Let me be he. Call ★★4127.

Mate, Counterpart, Confidant, Partner

Attractive GWM, masculine, successful, independent, 32, 6'1", 155 lbs., seeks a man interested in exploring the possibilities of becoming a team of two. I have a wonderful life, have all my needs met. Yet I need to share a bond with an equal; an attractive, professional man with compatible interests and goals. Reply BT Box FB82A.

Silver-Maned Seeks Young Partner

GWM, 55, 6'2", 195, HIV-, handsome, caring, available; seeks educated and in-shape GWM, 25-38, drawn to older men generally and seeking one in particular. Am business owner who enjoys independence, sharing, solitude, friendships, charity interests, walking, at-home movies, sports on TV, healthy food, impromptu gatherings, exploring the Bay Area, humor, and intelligent exchanges of all kinds, including massage. Send thoughtful letter and photo (returned) to BT Box FB83A.

A Lot Lost; A Lot Learned; A Lot Left

The epidemic has cost me a great deal: my cherished lover; many friends; the promise of a long life; grief, anxiety, sadness; and loss of some of the sense of lightness in life (Anyone still reading?). However, I still have a lot left: an active, ironic sense of humor; passion for many things/activities great and small (classical music, playing the piano, travel, Italy, Paris, literature, the arts, gardening, nature, men, sex); a good body (41 y.o., good-looking, HIV+, healthy, bl/brn/balding, moustache, 5'6", 140#, muscular/fit, other appealing physical characteristics); a deeply satisfying profession (psychologist); great family and friends; a comfortable home. I've survived so far sadder yet softer, somewhat heavier in tone yet deeper in purpose, less narcissistic/materialistic but more spiritual, more independent yet more conscious of our interdependence, stronger yet more flexible. I also still have the capacity for joy, playfulness and powerful sexual attractions. I'd like to meet reasonably fit and attractive men, approx. 37-47, HIV+ or -, psychologically minded and mature to see if some type of companionship might develop. Please write and include a photo. Reply BT Box FB84A.

Southern GWM

37 y.o., attractive, radiant, social, intelligent, hairy body/chest, 'stache, hazel eyes, 5'8", 152 lbs., very fit, avid bicyclist, walker, potter. You: a very self-assured, attractive man who loves himself & enjoys being gay; NS, no heavy drugs & lives in San Francisco, please. Serious replies only—looking for friends & sexmates ±. Love is always possible if it happens naturally. Call ★★4128.

Gentle Bear Type

Tall, large, Latin male, 6'3", 250 lbs. and 32, with hairy body, is interested in meeting others that are not intimidated by height/size. I enjoy both domestic and foreign films, plays, hikes and international cuisine. I'm professionally employed, clean-cut, no drugs, seeking relationship with substance and value that means honesty, sensitivity and respect. Call ★★4129.

Making Strides Together

East Bay GWM, 40s, 5'10", slender, bearded, physically attractive and optimistic in meeting a special friend for quality times together, sharing life's ups and downs, and the future. I'm responsible, serious with an abundance of loving, liking, sensual and safe sexual feelings to give and needing the same in return. Like home, classic automobiles, relaxed days at the beach, museums, classic movie comedies and mysteries. NA, ND. I'm striving for a happy life pattern and I need a friend to grow with and love. Reply BT Box FB85A or call ★★4130.

Hey You!

Yes you, that handsome man in his late-20s-early-30s who is looking for that attractive 32-yr-old, 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, athletic (I work out 5 days a week), professional, all-American man with a full, busy life who wants to meet some new, exciting people and someday Mr. Right or maybe even just an occasional roll in the hay. Well, guess what, that's me! If you are of similar stats, honest, with a good sense of humor, know how to have a good time and enjoy life, then give me a call and let's talk. Call ★★4131.

You Love The Mountains

I'm high in the Sierra. You: 25-35, extremely good-looking, trim, spiritually aware, HIV-, great sense of humor, vegetarian, bright, optimistic, and want a LTR with a handsome, cleanshaven, young-looking, trim, 39-year-old author who is financially independent and living the good life in God's country. Let's meet in the Bay Area. Call ★★4132.

Attractive Asian Student

GAM, 5'9", 145, 25, good shape, into surfing, scuba diving, sports, movies, bicycling, beach, work out & fun. I love to cook, have many surprises awaiting that special person. Seeking good-looking friends, GWM/GAM, 24-37. Letter to HW, PO Box 590790, SF 94159 or call ★★4133.

Babe In The Woods

I usually limit relationships to couplings with strangers in Buena Vista, but I'm open to adventure. Cute guy, 26, seeks company for palling about and other amusements. I'm not into social climbing, attitude, "gym buddies" or God. I am smart enough, funny and refreshingly downwardly mobile. You are a babe or just look like one; have brains, sense of humor and interest in the trivial. I won't be happy till Diana is. Call ★★4134.

East Bay Seeks Dominant Man

38, GWM, 175 lbs., blond, athletic, very good-looking body. Seeks straight-acting, good-looking, good talking man into humiliation scenes, kinky body worship and macho role-playing for possible relationship. Call ★★4135.

Bearded?

I am a bearded GWM, 35, 5'7", 160 lbs., and have dark brown hair and blue eyes. My interests include music (especially classical), hiking, friendships, photography and reading, among others. I am not looking for a monogamous relationship; more like a friend or sex buddy. I am not into anal sex or pain. But I do like bearded men. I am open to all ages & races. Interested? Call ★★4136.

Old-Fashioned Romance

Attention Al Gore or look-alike. I'm a very warm, loving, responsible (but fun), together, loving, honest, sincere, loving, 50 years young, Eurasian, HIV+, loving man with values. Looking for loving, together man any race (prefer white man, cleanshaven, full head of hair), clean-cut, perhaps a few years younger a plus, 35-50, with a job and willing to share his life with me. No games, just love! Call ★★4137.

Tall, Handsome Guy Wants Partner

Me: Masc., 6'1", 182 lbs., HIV-, beard/moust., in-shape, tired of doing it all alone. Am an initiator, nurturer, a non-pretentious, down-to-earth type, ND/NS, very instinctual, sexual, seeking similar. Like: gardening, dogs, 4x4 weekends, working with hands, painting, all kinds of music, fishing, camping, buddyship, eating at home with my special friend. Am intelligent, educated, house-broken but rough around the edges and feel alien to gay world. Seek men who are non-mainstream, caring, deep and those whose sexual preference is not obvious; who have a man's mind. Let's do stuff. PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★4138.

Gay Student Seeks Companionship

I am a 28-year-old gay Asian male, 5'4" and 132 lbs. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I love to laugh and have fun. I love TV, working out, cooking, Asian food, dancing and outdoor activities. I am seeking men, 18-35, nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-drug user. Race is not important; however, honesty and sincerity are. If interested, please call. Thank you. Serious only please. I am looking forward to hearing from you. All will be answered. Call ★★4139.

Clean-Cut Motorcycle Guy

Seeks GWM in a black leather motorcycle jacket. Not into leather S/M. I love and own motorcycles. Me: br/bl, 6'1", 190#, athletic, masculine, ex-Marine, 31 y.o., college degree. You: reasonable shape, under 30, prefer shorter, non-smoker, no drugs. Be employed & stable. I am interested in a monogamous relationship. PO Box 14241, SF 94114-0241. Send photo if possible. Call ★★4141.

You And Me Like R&B

Want mature, safe friends and conversations, don't smoke, drink or use drugs, like to stay in. Me: GWM, 6'2", 42, hairy, affectionate, considerate (I return phone calls, am not bitchy, will not read you in front of people just to make myself feel good). I listen and there is tenderness behind my honesty. You must have these qualities too. Call ★★4142.

Hot Black Cock/Hairy White Ass

Extremely sexual Black and white duo seeks hot, erotic times with young, hung, grunge boys/jock types/Latino homeboys. BM: 31, 5'11", 155#, HIV-, 28 inches (waist, not cock—sorry!), 8" cock. WM: 27, 5'6", 125#, HIV-, edible ass. Our turn-ons: body hair, backwards baseball cap-types, watersports. Let's get down 'n dirty! Call ★★4143.

Willing To Find Out?

I'm ready to have a quality man in my life. I'm mature, physically fit and said to be quite handsome. If you are, too, between late-30s to early-50s and a person who knows himself, is emotionally available, likes to laugh and has a positive attitude toward life, let's meet and see what happens. I'm a working professional in the arts and wouldn't mind sharing my most agreeable life with someone who would enhance it even further. Enjoy theater, films, travel, music, good food and hot, safe sex. Let's make '93 an important year in our lives. First, my meeting... who knows what magic we'd make? Call ★★4144.

Outdoor Adventurer

Handsome WM, 32, tall and lean, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker, looking to meet a masculine guy, under 40, also HIV-, nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, professionally employed and want to find a guy who shares similar interests. Interested in dating first; long-term goal is to be in a monogamous relationship. Call ★★4145.

Larry Csonka, Alex Karras

And Mike Ditka are the kind of men (chunky, mature, manly and moustachioed) this versatile, talented and experienced 40-year-old Black man dreams of. Please be free of emotional commitments and busy schedules. I offer honesty, sincerity and discretion. Occupant, PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★4146.

Let's Get Down To Business

Dating is a lot of work! Relationships are a lot of work! Meeting people from ads is a lot of work! I'm tired of trying to read between the lines of some of these B.S. ads to find something worthwhile. Some guys don't know a good thing till it's too late. Yeah, I'm handsome. Yeah, I'm sexy. Yeah, I'm romantic. Yeah, I'm sure you are too! But let's face it, guys, no games. I'm real and I'm ready. I appreciate someone's insides as much as their outsides. I'm a quality man who is attractive, independent, spontaneous, fun, great cook, loves to ski, in great shape, and a fabulous kisser. I'm HIV-, 38, 5'8", 170 lbs. Brown hair, brown eyes, Asian mix, no drugs, non-smoker. I pretty much have everything I want in my life at the moment, except for a special person to share it with. If you're a GWM that can fit the bill mentally, physically and financially, call and let's have some real fun. Call ★★4147.

"Shipwrecked Survivor"

I'm poor in pocketbook and rich in spirit! Attractive Hispanic lover, HIV-, 30, thick 8", goatee, artist, humorous and loyal. Seeks GWM/GHM for monogamous lover (oral sex only—no anal). Protective oral sex necessary (because of STD/HIV) until we're mutually (verifiably) screened for HIV/STD (unprotective afterward in committed monogamy). Reply (photo?) to Boxholder, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★4148.

Stable Son Seeks Masculine Dad

I'm 29, bearded, lightly furred, hung, HIV- and a good raunchy roll in the hay. Think a little booze and tobacco smell fine on a man's breath; drugs don't. You're mature, smart, sexy, vulnerable, moustached or bearded, willing to take it easy and be a kid sometimes too. Looking to settle, but if you just want a quick screw it's fine with me. Photo to Boxholder, 584 Castro, #486, SF 94114.

Handsome Househusbandly Intellectual

Very muscular dark type, "hung stud," 5'9", 28 y.o.; seeks very handsome (not boyish), 30ish, enthusiastic, affectionate, attentive companion/couple, confident, generous (regardless of wealth), hunky build, willingness to work out, conservative appearing, environmental/feminist values. Bohemian yet elitist, irreverent yet conscientious, I enjoy contemporary art, architecture, antiques, bluegrass, jazz vocals, baroque, 78s, ethnic culture, horses, hiking, gardening. Will relocate. Detailed response (including visuals): PO Box 304, Westport 95488.

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Cleanshaven, straight-acting, handsome GAM, 29, 5′7″, 150 lbs., HIV-, athletic, w/smooth, muscular legs, boyish looks; exercise regularly, health-conscious (nonsmoker, no drugs), prefer similar GWM under 34 who is muscular, in-shape, nice, easygoing, for hot wrestling. I'm a beginner. Call ★★4149.

Latin Or Islander?
If so, I'm a very handsome, youthful-looking GWM, 31, 6′, 160, Italian-looking. My fantasy is a dark, suspicious-looking type, but just plain dark is OK. I'm a good listener, good cook, good all-over in fact. Want somebody with a warm heart and a cool haircut. Be 5′6″ or taller, masculine, very handsome and ready to cuddle. Photo and note to BT Box FB86A.

Wanted: Boyfriend
Who is GWM, under 40, intelligent, handsome, has a nice body, sense of humor, is comfortable with his sexuality, politically aware and not afraid of affection and intimacy. Whew! Not much to ask for? Since this is what I have to offer, it's what I want. Me: late 30s, artist, healthy HIV+, tall, lean, br/bl, goatee/'stache, smooth/shaved, nice chest, eclectic bohemian interests and a real nice person. Take a chance on me. Call ★★4150.

Growing Boys
Are you eating a lot of food? Gaining weight? Getting big and enjoying it? Let me cook you meals so big you'll be stuffed! Me: 35, HIV-, 6′, brn/blu, swimmer's build, great cook. You: 21-30, GWM, love to eat, 190 lbs.... up, and into your increasing weight. Bodybuilders, Italians, beer bellies a plus! Call ★★4151.

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Male Appreciation of Skirts & Kilts. Mature, dominant voyeur seeks slim, macho guys into kilts & small, boyish guys into skirts. Enjoy role-playing, fondling, spanking, massage, striptease or whatever turns you on. I am 6 ft., slim, 165 lbs., fair complexion & dark blue eyes. I appreciate good humor, intelligence & all ethnic physical charms. Please call. Call ★★4152.

Special Person
6′, 250, 30 y.o., Black male, looking for love, friendship and possible long-term relationship; very much into sports and the arts and various types of music, such as jazz, r&b, classical, just to name a few; love hiking and biking and camping; love cooking fabulous dinners for that special person. You are any race, between 5′5″ and 6′10″, 25 & 50 y.o., HIV- and some of the same interests. Drinkers, smokers and drug users need not apply, so if you are that special person, call or write. Reply BT Box FB87A or call ★★4153.

Leather Boots-Chaps
Jocks are great for hot scene but nothing wrong with bare skin either. GWM, 59, bearded, 5′10″, 140#, HIV-, looking for special man over 40 of similar tastes who would like to work on relationship too. Interests incl. films, classical music/home/food/wine. We're both sincere, dependable, affectionate, not afraid to express feelings. NS, ND, no S/M. SF only. Your letter/photo gets mine. Reply BT Box FB88A.

Hot, Hung & Horny God
GWM, great-looking, 21 y.o., college student, 200 lbs., brn/blu. I work out 6 times a week, I have a great body & want to meet hot guys with good bodies; bigger the better! So, if you're between 18-35, give me a call and let's get together. Call ★★4154.

My Two Gay Brothers
Think I'm cute. Maybe you'd agree. GWM, 26, 5′10″, 149 lbs., HIV-, brown hair, hazel eyes, gym-toned body, Ohio-grown. Looking for a cute, unattached, boy-next-door type, 20-29, to date with a possible relationship in mind. 2300 Market St., #89, SF 94119 or call ★★4155.

Shy, Quiet, Mature Professional
Good-looking GWM top, 38, 6 ft., 175, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks serious, monogamous relationship with younger bottom male, 21-31, who wants to build a great life together. Let's start today and go for tomorrow. Call ★★4156.

Affectionate Bottom
Looking for a clean and sober top. I'm 34, 6′, 170 lbs., NS, ND, HIV-, with facial hair and body hair. I enjoy having my ass probed and played with. I like intensity but dislike pain. Into music and dance. Favorite activity is mutual massage in front of a TV set. Especially drawn to tall, thin, healthy men into leather, with dark facial hair. Call ★★4157.

Big, Strong Buddy?
Masculine, in-shape guy, 37, 5′8″, 160, seeks very masculine, muscular/beefy guy, with dominant personality. Prefer a linebacker/weightlifter build on a dad/big brother type, but dislike the rigid role-playing gay men are addicted to. I have little in common with most gay men and find that the more masculine a guy is, the less he identifies with the gay/queer mindset. If that's you, we speak the same language. Let's relate man-to-man. Call ★★4158.

Have You Got Foreskin?
I am a GWM, 47, blue-eyed blond, 6′2″, 224#, hopeless romantic on Peninsula, looking for white, Latin or Black guy with overhang. Must be HIV-, drug-free. I'm a lot of fun in and out of bed, and have a deep throat. Call or write me at 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★4159.

If You Found A Genie In A Bottle
Maybe it's the cut of his hair, the coloring, the texture, or that of his skin. That youthful face, those eyes, lips, nose, mouth... not too perfect, but handsome, proud, masculine and confident. A voice of pure manhood, and that special scent all his own. His physical attributes are part genetic, but also chiseled by his disciplined body construction. The generous size and shape of his hands, feet, crotch and buns are the sweetest parts that make up this whole, delicious man. Symmetrical his proportions are to his height and weight. He has a pleasing personality, a unique style, an exuberant spirit and a soul like that of a Native American Indian brave. I have just described you, as well as me, so if you were like Aladdin and had three wishes (remember the first two don't count) what would that wish be? Call ★★4160.

Good-Looking! All-American GWM!
45 years young! Seeks same! Good-looking/handsome GWM! Into fun! Friendship! Maybe even romance! You: 18 to 45 years young. New in SF? I can be your escort and show you everything—everywhere! Send letter with photo to: Box 1001, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★4161.

BM Seeks Mike Ditka, Jimmy Johnson Or
Ray Handley type. You: WM, 35-49, big, stocky, husky, football player/coach, big brother. Must be strong, fit, supportive; beer belly OK if otherwise muscular. Be active. Me: 35, 6′, very muscular, straight-acting. NS, non-drug user, HIV-. Financially independent, professional with sense of humor. Interests: movies, sports, travel, good food, outdoors. Call ★★4162.

Beyond Words
Words are great tools, but they can also side-step feelings. I'm a blond, blue-eyed, slender & hard-bodied East Bayer in his late-30s. Attentive, responsible, passionate once initial shyness/caution evaporate. I'd like a very fit, unaffectedly masculine, nonsmoking comrade who acknowledges realities of socio-economic/stylistic/anti-body divisions in our "community" and seeks directness/authenticity more than caricature/elitism—even when latter are undeniably subtle/seductive. You're 20s-early-40s, sensitive; capable of warmth & loyalty. Patience & gradual risk-taking in vulnerability suggested. We'll still have many words, but they'll serve heart as well as head. Call ★★4163.

South Bay Hunt
Where are all the masculine, straight-acting bi and gay men in South Bay? They're not at bars regularly, although there are exceptions since you found this newspaper at one. Let's connect and go hiking or to baseball or hockey games. I'm bearded, husky, HIV-, in my fantastic 40s and I don't care about your age, like most advertisers. Send facial photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★4164.

We Can Have It All
Whether sex buddies, friends, lovers, we function best caring, supporting, "doing" for each other in an upscale lifestyle together. We're well-groomed, educated professionals with well-furnished minds, warm hearts, active libidos. You're 30-40s, I'm 40s, HIV+, smoker, blond, 5′9″, 158. Both good-humored, responsible, love home, entertaining, relatively vice-free. We're creative, oral, great kissers, love nipple work, show affection. Let's play first; then consider the possibilities. Call ★★4165.

Romantic Italian/Swede
Passionate, warm, loving, youthful & cute 40-year-old, HIV-, GWM, professional, cleanshaven, blond/blue, 5′10″, med. build, hairy chest. Loves to giggle and be creative. I'm seeking an attractive, educated gentleman who wants good food, excitement, weekend getaways, snuggles by the fireplace, quiet times in each other's loving arms, and jumping in the car and going to the movies. Prefer versatile/top guys, 30-50 yrs. old, med. to stocky build, NS/ND. I admire a warm, loving, supportive individual, who feels his company is something to share. Let's communicate, get our needs met, and have a lot of fun along the way. And there's so much more... Reply BT Box FB89A or call ★★4166.

Home Shopping—Desire Partner
Me: no fluff, attitude or pretense. 53, negative, healthy and self-employed. A good sense of humor, common sense and a healthy respect for nature and fellow man. NS, mod. drinker. Enjoy simple meals (in or out). Enjoy kickback, easygoing, lived-in creature comforts (better late Salvation Army than Louis XVI). I plan ahead but remain flexible. Would definitely be interested in talking joint ownership in a dwelling. Call ★★4167.

Attractive Filipino Wanted
By attractive GWM, 5′8″, 160, blond, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and have many interests. Take a chance and call. You never know until you try. Call ★★4168.

Handsome Latin Guy
Latin male, 26, 5′10″, 170 lbs., cleanshaven, glossy black hair, sexy dark eyes, nice voice, masculine. Want to meet GWM, 20-33, 5′9″ or taller, in good shape, cleanshaven, for friendship. Call ★★4169.

Opportunity
26, 5′7″, Asian-American background, tight, lean build. Enjoys working out, travel, dining, dancing and creative arts/films. Prefer Caucasian, under 33, who, for compatibility's sake, is honestly good-looking/cute, physically & mentally in top shape, romantic, great kisser, sensitive, sharing, easygoing, masculine, HIV-, nonsmoker and no drugs. Looking for the right guy who is smart, affectionate, has an irreverent sense of humor, and emotionally secure and available. With that person, I love to cuddle, kiss and be close in bed. Interested in dating or possibly developing a relationship together? If you fit the description & "looking," don't let this honest opportunity slip by you. Call ★★4170.

Free Massage
For muscular, well-defined guys. I'm slim, safe, attractive, young, 40-yr-old, with strong hands. I'll come to your place in E. Bay only. Looking for friendly guys, deadheads, hippies a plus. Mutual massage a plus. Relaxing and sensual. Melt into it, dude. Call ★★4171.

Utopian Lover
Chinese American, 30s, seeks Asian-American lover from "Utopia" in his 20s-30s, 5′7″-6′, and with his height and weight proportionate. (Give and take a few) This Utopian lover should be easygoing, friendly, humorous, considerate, affectionate, kinda masculine, down-to-earth, discreet, HIV-, healthy, NS, outdoorsy, enjoy dining out, cuddling in front of a roaring fireplace, and would enjoy wearing me out by doing the "wild thang" to me in the woods, on the beach, on a mountain meadow, under the dining room table, on the staircase, in the car, in the shower, and etc. I'm looking for a monogamous relationship with a person who is stable emotionally, doesn't play mind games, not a phoney baloney, not a flake and ready to give his best in a relationship. If you truly feel that you are this "Utopian," please do not hesitate and call me right away. First timers or the shy/reserved types should call also. Call ★★4172.

Semper Fidelis
This proud, Black ex-Marine, 41 y.o., wants to shuck his skivvies for a confident, mature, silver white fox. Soap dropping... no; taking care of a good buddy... yes! I'm easygoing, very masculine, aware & a sensitive spirit. Look forward to spending some quality time with one good man. Are you ready...? I am! Just do it! 227 Ellis St., #428, SF 94102 or call ★★4173.

Handsome Wallflower
F1 hybrid, thirtysomething, genus Gaysian (Chinese) of medium height with slim, ultra-smooth branches, seeks companion/border plants, preferably white potatoes with slim/shapely branches. Responds well to sun (sunbathing, running), water (swimming, bubble baths, hot tubs), fertilizer (restaurants, cooking), music (classical, opera, vintage rock 'n roll/disco), grooming (nice clothes), transplanting (travel), pollination (safe, deep-throated, you're toppish), greenhouse environment (condominium in Pacific Heights, SF). Certified disease-free (HIV-). What kind of plant are you? Call ★★4174.

D.S. Of S.C.
Months have passed and I haven't heard from you. Having too much fun with your Kirtos, huh? Miss your calls, shows and visits. Am tempted to call you, but your wishes respected. Anyway, let's not let the parade end. Incidentally, I've saved your papers and then some, including a video, but don't have a new forwarding address. Call or write me soon, please, for the latest news. Call ★★4175.

Spanking And Kindness
Brother or dad, warmhearted, caring/strict, young 43, 6′2″, 173 lbs., trim, safe and sane, HIV-, offers good spanking and kindness to slim, smooth, somewhat boyish guy, 18-32. Limits respected. (I can also receive discipline.) Any race OK. Other interests: massage, eating out, hugs, movies, exercise. Reply: Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Hip Queer
Rad but grounded fag, embarrassed over recent clamor by gays to join the military, into rock and techno, able to be ironic and genuine, strident and irreverent, with astute though flexible pomo politics in theory and (effective) practice, who loves to rave, eat well, exercise, lounge in the sun or in cafes, see films and read; seeks art fags, hipsters, academics, rave boys, etc.... as sisters, flings or lovers (and, yeah, I'm way cute). Call ★★4176.

Are You My Soulmate?
This very attractive gay Filipino is seeking you! I'm 6′ tall, HIV-, trim, in-shape, great smile and affectionate. I enjoy music, movies and making love. I'm looking for that special guy who is ready for a monogamous relationship together—without the mindgames. If you're a GWM, HIV-, attractive and sexy, medium to muscular, in-shape, nonsmoker, 5′10″ or taller, and between 21 and 36 years old, let's talk, I would love to hear from you. Write me at PO Box 191541, SF 94119 or call ★★4177.

Shared Values + Physical Attraction = Commitment (?)
In shape (5′8″, 140), handsome, masculine, clean-cut, 28-year-old WM business professional, seeks friendship with 24-32-year-old only. I'm also seeking a long-term monogamous relationship, focused on intimacy. I'm very ambitious and career-oriented, but also warm, caring, unpretentious, honest and of high integrity. I admire and respect people who are independent; look inward for solutions rather than outward; are determined to continually learn, strive and improve; take the initiative habitually; and understand the value of perseverance. Sense of humor welcomed too. If your physical attributes resemble mine and this ad excites you, write PO Box 932, Palo Alto 94302.

And Now The Adjectives, Please:
Smart, shy, sexy, pessimistic, underemployed, over-educated, butch, witty, affectionate, brave, loveable, horny, handsome, loyal, sweet, self-hating, cocky, fierce, kinky, working-class, commie artist, 34, more top than bottom, difficult but worth it, seeks: raven-haired Jewish, Italian or similar babe to be my love monkey/stud muffin/butt buddy/sweetheart. You: tough enough to handle me, grownup enough to tolerate someone loving you, unambivalent about sex. Me: variously ethnic, dark hair/eyes, '90s-clone facial hair, multi-earringed. Not thrilled by big muscles or big dicks, but am queer for men who kiss like volcanoes. Usually prefer thinnish/coltish/boyish, but can definitely be converted. Making me laugh as important as making me splooge good. The crossword puzzle should be the second thing you like to do in bed on Sunday mornings. PO Box 460685, SF 94146 or call ★★4178.

Just A Regular Guy
Professional, African-American gay male, handsome, intelligent, great smile, romantic, sensitive, sensual, healthy HIV+, NS, ND, 5′11½″, 156 lbs., moustache, smooth muscular body. Enjoy CW dancing (reg. dancing), all types of music (esp. jazz, musicals), old/new movies, plays, dining (home or out), romantic evenings, hiking, cycling, camping, travel, weekend ventures, Russian River, spiritual (MCC), friendships. I am versatile, enjoy tits, leather (no S/M). Tired of games. Looking for handsome, sincere, regular guy (GWM, GLM, GAM), 5′10″ or taller, professional, gym-tone or muscular blt, with similar interests (NS, ND, normal drinker OK). If this fits you and you are not afraid of a meaningful relationship, call ★★4179.

Ex-Navy
Good-looking GWM, 37, masculine, 6′2″, 185, br/bl, HIV-, top, moustache. You're looking for an older guy, I'm looking for potential relationship with GWM, GAM, GLM, 25-33, under 6′, in-shape & attractive. You're honest, sincere, compassionate and drug-free. We like hiking, movies, animals, beaches, romance and getting to know each other. Reply to L.P., 41 Sutter St., #1080, SF 94104 or call ★★4180.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5′8″, 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response: Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★4181.

Oral Slave
Needs masculine, aggressive master. You: 20s, 30s, early 40s, in-shape or stocky, from moderate to very hairy. Me: handsome GWM, 34, 5′10″, 160 lbs., med. blnd/blue-green, lightly hairy, expert mouth, tongue and deep throat—not anal—into collars, bondage, S/M, emotional and physical submission/domination. Use me, use my hot mouth. Call ★★4182.

Ad Two
Last year's got me a great friend—this year's goal is a great boyfriend. GWM, 38, 185#, 5′11″, HIV-. Just figured out that I, too, can go to a gym so toning-in-progress. Too shy to use a word like handsome in an ad but you can decide. Professional urban sort who thinks chemistry is everything. Saturday dinner, Sunday paper, walk on the beach or explore something new. Looking for someone similar with great eyes and a killer smile. Photo would be great, but a letter will do it. Reply BT Box FB90A.

Straight, under 24, hoop/football player, seeks friend and/or partner who is ambitious, successful, handsome+, discreet and stable. Someone who, like me, always carefully scans personal ads, but never replies. I'm a sportsman and student, tall, 215, girl magnet (yuck!), unpromiscuous, family-oriented, who likes beer, bears, mom and CNN. Yearn for a date with a big or stocky professional who is selective, unpromiscuous, charming, un-gay, and happy to explain tie tying, throw the football and watch ESPN. Please, no advantage-takers. Send letter and (returnable) photo. Discretion is guaranteed on my honor. Reply BT Box FB91A.

In This Life
We should surround ourselves with people we like and have pastimes that bring us pleasure. So this GLM is looking for big/stocky, well-hung tops, bear-types a plus, for hot safe action. Photo appreciated. Reply to PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★4183.

OK, I'm Ready Now!
Very cute GWM, 32, brown hair, green eyes, 150 lbs., in-shape, masculine and HIV+, seeks masculine, attractive, in-shape GWM, 25 to 42, for possible relationship. My interests are music, from classical to modern dance & rock, great food & wine, reading, movies, travel, spirituality and I love to laugh. I like men who are masculine, good kissers, versatile, sensual and intelligent. A detailed letter with personal description and interests would be appreciated. Reply BT Box FB92A or call ★★4184.

Looking For Younger
You: 21-28, blond or redhead, military or college student. Do you need a place to stay off-base or to get away to study? I like a good body, cleanshaven good-looks, body hair (chests & legs). Call or write w/photo, let's talk. Serious inquiries pls. Me: 6′, 190 lbs., 38, great personality, good looks & body. East Bay. I live alone. PO Box 1551, Martinez 94553 or call ★★4185.

Happy, well-adjusted GWM, 32, 5′10″, 170, looking for new friends to go to the beach and possibly date. I am athletic, successful, off-beat, down-to-earth, stubborn, handsome, caring and very much my own man. I enjoy driving fast, volunteer work, mountain biking, reading and spending time with kids. Also, HIV- and more bottom than top. While I am not "searching" for a relationship, it would be great to meet some fun, integrity-filled guys and let the chemistry determine the rest. If this feels right, drop me a note and photo. I will return your photo—promise. Reply BT Box FB93A or call ★★4186.

Friend/Partner
Sought by good-looking, warmly seductive, bilingual GLM, 41, 5′6″, 180#, HIV-, moustache, dark brown eyes, and brown hair (thinning), hairy, health care professional, Ph.D. student at U.C. I am sensitive, non-submissive, passionate, caring and sincere. I enjoy simple things, like dinner for two, a movie, a walk on the beach, sitting under a tree enjoying a picnic and a beautiful sunset. I want a sensitive, masculine GM who is not into roles, accepts being gay and is emotionally available. Please be employed, HIV-, 38-48, weight in proportion to height and not afraid of public affection. Hairy a+. Take a chance, let's have coffee and if the chemistry is right, we can plan more dates. I live and work in SF. Reply BT Box FB94A or call ★★4187.

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Boy-Next-Door Bottom Into Bondage
Appearances can be deceiving. On the one hand I'm a very handsome GWM, blond, masculine, fit, a boyish 28, 5'10", 165#, HIV-, a profesional, a hopeless romantic and a dynamic high achiever with varied interests who approaches life with a sense of humor. Your mother would love me. Yet, I'm also a fairly inexperienced bottom into heavy leather B&D. If you're under 35, have your head together, are confident, honest, masculine, HIV-, creative, aggressive, cleanshaven and a total top who leaves his leather outfits in the bedroom where they belong, I just might be the right one for you. No one-nighters need apply. I'm looking for keeps. I don't want a daddy or a master; just a partner who's a top, and a relationship where hot bondage can co-exist with romantic nights by the fireplace. I'm a hell of a catch and I'm looking for someone who knows he deserves the best. Reply BT Box FB95A.

Going My Way?
Youthful, slim runner, 50s, HIV-, sincere, caring and masculine. Enjoys outdoors, cycling, nature, shows, movies, dinners and home. Looking for an active, fit guy who is happy with life, has a positive attitude and who would like to spend weekends exploring the area and each other. Open to other activities. If you don't call, I'll have to go alone. Two's better. OK? Call ★★4188.

Foot Fetish
Good-looking, athletic, 30-yr-old GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., seeks other good-looking men under 35, who are into it, either actively or passively. I am also very passionate and enjoy making it with another good-looking young man. Call me at ★★4189.

My Gift To You...
A real friend. Asian male, 28, 5'7", 140, attractive, friendly, easygoing, nice-looking legs, professional, level-headed, looking to connect heart and soul. Value integrity, strength of character, straightforwardness & humor. Enjoys cheap dates, volleyball, karaoke, non-fiction, outdoors, dancing, thrift shops, friends, intimate get-togethers, getting to know you and exploring your skin. Life is too short. I'm here if you need a new friend. Let's make it a year to be remembered. Call ★★4190.

Seeking Sexy Thai Boy
Handsome, young GWM is seeking hot GTM (under 30) for friendship/relationship. I'm happy, very romantic, honest, kind, humorous, intelligent, and enjoy life. Cleanshaven, 5'10", gym-toned, muscular, 154 lbs. Attracted to slender, trim, smooth bodies, happy smiles and outgoing personalities! Honesty, goal-oriented, high standards, are important. Prefer nonsmoker. I want to have candlelit dinners, romance, walks down the beach, and deep devoted love! Call ★★4191.

Ahhh...
I'm good-looking, friendly, clean, keen and very lean with a spring passion for a man's beauty and caresses. Laughing eyes and baseball bi's, a wry smile, pecs and sighs are to be enjoyed with warm fingers and lips, respect and honest playfulness. If the delights which are you welcome the simple sensual fun of kissing, massage and mutual strokes of good fortune, your hearty Valentine greeting will be appreciated. Call ★★4192.

I'm Heavy, Not Huge!
GWM, 34, 6', 220, redhead, blue eyes, trim beard, nonsmoker, no drugs, HIV-. I enjoy CW music and dancing, hiking, cards, TV, cooking, gardening, good coffee, good friends, humor, cuddling, passionate kissing. I'd like to date a masculine, affectionate, top-oriented, white or Latin man, 25-45, who doesn't mind my few extra pounds. Tall men, hairy chests, moustaches, stubble are pluses, but not required! Call ★★4193.

You are slender, with very dark hair and sideburns shaved in a thin horizontal line. You dance unselfconsciously. I saw you Friday, 1/22, at the Cafe and Saturday, 1/30 at Product; first in green pants, then in yellow shirt & white cap. I just wanted to let you know that you are the most beautiful man in San Francisco.

Hot, Handsome, HIV+ Daddy
This good-looking, tall, 40-year-old is looking for HIV+ boys who need their daddy. Be prepared to submit to this hard-bodied, hairy, big-dicked, blue-eyed, dirty-talkin' dad. You're gonna get your tits worked on and your cock sucked. You're gonna pump your daddy's ass while he whispers nasty things in your ear. You're gonna like it, boy—that's a promise. Those encouraged to respond: any ethnicity between the ages of 21 and 50. Reply BT Box FB96A or call ★★4194.

East Bay Homebody
My side is: warmhearted, 47, GWM, brn/grn, 5'7", 160#, HIV-, NS/ND, moustached bottom. I enjoy cocktails before dinner, wine and candlelight a must. I am a professional and love pets, especially independent cats. Into: books, fireplaces, bridge, travel, good conversation and romance. Not into: bars, gyms, kinky, pain and those who are. You're any age and the complementary side. Reply BT Box FB97A.

Younger Brother?
GWM looking for a couple who want a younger brother. I like lying between two men, or taking you on one at a time. Not looking to be kept but for companionship. Me: 6'3", 180, brn/blue, cleanshaven, average build, moderate body hair. You two: 30s, a couple who have their relationship together and would enjoy the company of a younger brother. Reply BT Box FB98A or call ★★4195.

Mountain Man Sought
Expert skier/avid mountain bike rider—36, 6'1", 185#, br/blue, NS/ND or alcohol—seeks similar bikers/skiers (Alpine), between 25-35 yrs. to share these and other outdoor adventures: hiking, beaching, camping, motorcycling, cars, hot springs. I'm looking for that special, in-shape man who is fit both physically and spiritually. Call ★★4196.

May Valentine's Day...
Be just the beginning. Cute GJM, 27. Mind: I'm voracious reader, and other cultural interests range from high brow to high camp, from Proust to Pee Wee and lots in between. Body (important, but not the most important): I have reddish hair, goatee, green eyes, HIV-, 6' and 180#. Heart: sincere, but not too earnest, romantic, emotionally available. Seek similar for long nights, long conversations, and a rosy future. Tell me about yourself! Reply BT Box FB99A or call ★★4197.

Swedish-Irish Grad Student
Handsome, sandy-blond graduate student, brown eyes, 31, wants to date dark, handsome man, 25 to 45, who enjoys walks, dinner or a movie, cuddling & eventually lots of healthy, safe sex. I am 5'10", 150 lbs., gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, boyish-looking, preppy. You are well-built, HIV-, NS, ND. Send letter & photo to BT Box FB100A or call ★★4198.

You Need Yer Ass Kicked!
You're a rugged, rowdy boy who can't stay out of trouble. You need a strong, tough dad to drag you into the ring and kick yer ass! Dad is 40, 5'8", 150#, muscular, bearded, super-hairy, heavily into leather, boxing, no-holds-barred wrestling fights, and taming young toughs on the mats in my private gym. Wanna challenge yer old man? Bring it on! Call ★★4199.

Standing Room At The Ballet
Cooking, playing games, walking a beach, are some of the ways I would like to spend time with a friend. I keep my body fit swimming, running and hiking. I keep my soul fit meditating, singing and volunteering massages to PWAs. Looking not for a husband but someone who is independent, crazy and daring enough to be a nurturing and loyal friend. Call ★★4200.

Daddy R.R.
Cupid is waiting to shoot you full of love arrows. Your son, KS.

Me And My Shadow
Since our shadows reveal themselves eventually, I'm seeking a partner who's at ease with himself and aware of his own darker side—someone to "shadow-box" with in a way that's playful and empathic, with good humor and compassion. I'm boyish, smart, fun-loving, creative, interested in fiction, the arts and progressive politics. Nonsmoker, cleanshaven, blond, 5'9", lean, HIV-, athletic and a rather youthful-looking 43. Please send a letter with photo (show me your shadow and I'll show you mine!). Reply BT Box FB101A.

Just The Way You Look Tonight
Romantic likes old standards to modern rock. Enjoy old and non-Hollywood movies, stage, cycling, eating out, books, galleries and exploring new things and places. Career in education. Liberal in politics. Lean toward deep thought and meaningless fun. Looking to share it all. Stats: 29, 6'5", blond/hazel, 240 lbs., cleanshaven. Reply BT Box FB102A or call ★★4201.

Seeking A Friend And Sex Partner
Are you 33-45, HIV-, NS, in good shape, muscular? I'm a handsome, 6'1", 185, br/bl, GWM, cleanshaven, work out regularly, affectionate. Interested? Let's get together, strip down, and have some safe one-on-one or group fun. Call ★★4202.

Body And Soul Moderate?
Maybe just friends/maybe more serious Partner... Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: music (Cole, Orbison, Bolton, Sade, jazz, sacred, etc.), Twilight Zone, Poe, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, independent Christian, philosophy/a higher power, Chaplin, Newhart, Looney Toons, NO heavy alcohol/drugs, lite Cheapthrills video, Kirk Cummings, quiet nights at home, ethnic food, etc. You: ??... I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, cleanshaven, "good-looking" & easygoing. Letter/photo to: JS, 41 Sutter, #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★4203.

Like Old Cars?
GWM, 37, brown hair and eyes, looking for WMs, 21-33, cleanshaven (moustaches OK) who are into old American cars and antiques. I like going to car shows, working on cars, going out with friends or sometimes a quiet evening in front of a fire. I am an affectionate, outgoing person. Call ★★4204.

Hiking Or Massage?
East Bay BiWM, healthy, trim, smooth, alive body, 5'10", 140 lbs., young-looking 46, sensitive, intelligent, introspective, insightful, nonsmoker, glasses, wavy hair, irreverent humor. Seeking nurturing friendship, higher consciousness, radiant fitness and balance, through hiking or massages. Both?—Wow! Please be sensitive, sincere; interesting, intuitive; caring, clean; stimulating, safe; philosophical, phun; hardy, with heart. Youthfulness encouraged; experience helpful; positive attitude necessary. Boxholder, Box 4753, Walnut Creek 94596 or call ★★4205.

More Prostitute Than John
Very, very handsome, inexperienced, penis-laden recluse (W, 25, 6', 155#), dark interior, supremely perceptive, conscientious, intimate, genuine... yet elusive, playful (if I like you), absurd, possess a lurking and potentially explosive sensuality. You: selective, amused, safe, really realistic, really skeptical, insatiable, tolerant, heavier than I, and whatever else you are. NS, no religion. 41 Sutter, Box 1323, SF 94104.

Let's Get Together
Monogamous, romantic, smooth, muscular Asian, 5'7", 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, great legs, moustache, HIV-, into working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dance music, gay events, Democrats, fashion, 501s, bodyworship, titplay & J/O. No smokers, drugs. If you're single, relationship-oriented, gym-toned to muscular, similar interests, around 40, HIV-, call ★★4206.

Hey Now...
GWM seeks other Deadheads that don't feel they need to act like any kind of stereotypical caricature, straight or otherwise, and are comfortable acting like themselves. Me: 33, 5'10", 150 lbs., blond/blue, slender, in-shape, cleanshaven; interests include playing the guitar, serious backpacking, surfing/bodyboarding, heavy metal, Grateful Dead shows, rollercoasters. You should have an active interest in at least some of these things as well. Call ★★4207.

Well Equipped
Both physically and emotionally for the right guy with LTR in mind. I'm a successful, young 42, HIV-, very handsome, tall and gym-toned (6'3", 195). My tastes are diverse—my interests varied. But most important, I'm willing to experiment both in and out of bed. You should be likewise good-looking, masculine, 25-40, NS, more self-assured than self-important and willing to have fun, adventure and intimacy in an ever-evolving relationship. Call ★★4208.

Friend/Lover In SF
GWM, 54, healthy, HIV-. Stocky, clean-cut, stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Tired of being alone. Looking to share the good things in life, fun times and gentle loving with a masculine guy, mid-40s to mid-50s, who is secure and has a quiet sense of humor. Reply BT Box FB103A or call ★★4209.

Something More
Attractive, 35 y.o., blnd/blue, 6'1", toned and trim, well-endowed, GWM, seeks good-looking, attention-getting, Latin, Indian, Arab or other brown-skinned guy, tall or short, who's 20-35 y.o., on the smooth, built, boyish, preppyish side, strong and basically confident, yet gentle and caring, respectful, creative, and open to exploring the inner depths of individuality (hope this one doesn't sound too weird!), for romance, fun and games, and to get something more out of life. Please send photo (returned) and letter. Reply BT Box FB104A or call ★★4210.

Romantic Ads...
Are cute, but they all sound alike. So I won't waste your time. Seeking friends open to relationship. I only expect from a person what I can offer: romantic, honest, mellow, independent, communicative, spontaneous, emotionally stable, HIV- and not perfect! Latino, 30, 5'11", 175#, goatee, versatile, gainfully employed. My shyness often misunderstood as aloofness. Interests: art, music, travel, motorcycles, talking and laughing with the right person—GWM/GLM, 25-40, photo if possible. Reply BT Box FB105A.

Outgoing Guy Seeks Same
26 y.o., extroverted GWM, 6', 165 lbs., br/br. I'm clean-cut, financially stable; my friends say I'm attractive and I'm interested in meeting a man to enjoy times and date. If you're a masculine, available, prof. man between your late-20s to mid-40s, looking for an educated, sensual, HIV+, healthy bottom, I'd like to hear from you. I'm a nonsmoker, in-shape and ready. I hope you are too. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Call ★★4211.

Leather Fetish Sex
Sexually versatile, HIV- GWM seeks HIV- partner who enjoys doing it in leather: bare-assed penetration in chaps, bumping and grinding in leather jocks, bondage in full leather, dominance and submission in hoods, mug muzzling gloves, in your face codpieces, tall boots, skintight gear—leather! I'm handsome, 40, 5'11", 160#, with a nice build, a great personality, and a playful and intense sexual imagination. Call ★★4212.

Burly Man Sought
GWM, 6', 175 lbs., br/br, 29 yrs. old, bearded, handsome, down-to-earth, healthy, HIV- guy seeks furry, rugged, stocky, masculine man. My interests include music, i.e., classic rock, jazz & classical, film, the outdoors and art. Give me a call. Call ★★4213.

Big/Uncut Seeks Big/Uncut
Me: 35, 6'2", 180#, lean & muscular, blond/blue, 'stache, hairy & sweaty, blue collar & versatile, HIV+. You: 20-45, masculine, great shape, 'stache. Pluses: dark-headed, hairy butt, Latino. For: man-to-man animal sex, with a sense of humor. You won't be disappointed! Call ★★4214.

HIV+ Wants Regular Joe
I am GWM, brown hair and eyes, handsome, early 30s. You are boyish (25-35), butch, smart-ass, employed. I work out, need more sex and love Throwing Muses. You are doing well with HIV, want some passion, love the male form. I am healthy (no symptoms), look good in Gap clothes, love vulgar banter. Experience with boyfriends helpful. Describe yourself. Call ★★4215.

It Would Be Nice
To date a man who likes films; is kind to others; respects diversity; likes my mind and personality more than my bod; is to some degree politically active for progressive causes; finds the ethical issues of life more important than the aesthetic; can put "love and fuck in the same sentence," mean it and communicate the former while doing the latter (a real plus would be someone who knows from whom I copped that phrase). I'm 27, have lived in SF 7 years and laugh at the impossible expectations detailed in most of these ads. I would enjoy... talking with someone who has an open mind and enjoys some similar interests. Call ★★4216.

Affection...
Lisa Stansfield sings about it; I want it! I also want to date a guy who is not afraid of commitment, and who wants a relationship built on trust and physical, emotional and mental attraction. Me: 34, 6', 170#, attractive, blond, green, moustache, fairly hairy, HIV-, sensitive, witty, kinda smart, earthy, laidback. I enjoy movies, dining, travel, music, quiet evenings, and watching sunsets over the ocean. You: GWM, 30s, attractive, proportionate, medium to dark hair, body hair (facial hair a plus), nice eyes, NS/ND, responsible, live in SF. Turn-offs: pretentiousness, casual sex, game playing, guys who are overly muscular or straight-acting. Turn-ons: honesty, monogamy, wit, sincerity, romance, fun. Call ★★4217.

Business Suits
Turn me on. Fantasies include but not limited to: I come to your office as a messenger/hired temp. I take orders from you. Me: Latin, 29, 5'11", 175#, goatee. Hard edge look/handsome. I aim to please. You: 25-55, cocky attitude OK, race, looks unimportant. Meetings can take place during the work day or after. You're the boss. 100 percent discreet. You have my word, sir! Reply BT Box FB106A or call ★★4218.

Positive
About being positive. Handsome, romantic GWM, 37, with tall, lean, muscular body seeks other sexy, good-looking, HIV+ guys for fun, lust and romance. Love to kiss, love romantic dates, love hot, erotic sex, love to enjoy life in many different ways. If you're handsome, sexy and well-built, between 25 & 40, let's get together for a drive in the country and... Call ★★4219.

24-Carat Ivory Seeks 24-Carat Ebony
GWM, 30something with blond hair and blue eyes, seeks GBM, 20something to 30something, with a sexy voice and laughing eyes. I am honest, respectful and friendly; I am educated, professional and articulate; I have a good sense of humor and enjoy traveling, movies, unusual restaurants and trying new experiences—I try to reach for the brass ring. I hope you share many of my interests, but our differences will keep the relationship interesting. Call ★★4220.

Look At This
I have been learning sign because it brings to the room we live in what previously was only mind's eye or spoken word, untouchable. It is a room we are sitting in, face-to-face, knees touching. You are reading aloud; I comb your hair. (6 ft., slim, 27, br/bl, student.) Boxholder, PO Box 12002, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★4221.

Somewhere There's A Someone
Maybe it's you. I'm attractive Italian, in-shape, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, uncut, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, HIV-, clean, honest, neat, considerate, dependable, nice guy. I'd consider relocating for businessowner and be lifemate/partner. Enjoy home, reading, music, plants, board games, quiet times, conversation. Please be nonsmoker, mature, in-shape. Photo appreciated/returned. Take a chance. We're worth it. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043.

Politics And Sex
GLM, 30, 5'9", brown hair & eyes, clean-cut professional, likes politics, movies, quiet dinners, concerts; wants to date a mature, intelligent, stable professional man, 30-45. I'm mostly a bottom in bed, but can be kinky and versatile, too. Leave a message and let's talk! Call ★★4222.

Imperfect One
Tired of the perfect people ads? Imperfect GWM, 48, 5'9", 190 lbs., daddy/teddybear type, HIV-, s/p hair, moustache, seeks another honest, sincere, imperfect being for sex partner/special friend to enjoy quality times together. Prefer homelife, dining in, conversation, fireplaces, sharing sexual intimacy on a recurring basis. Turn-ons: facial/body hair, glasses, soft bodies, nipple play, great kissers. Call ★★4223.

Quivering Slut
Very hairy (front/back), handsome GWM, 53, 5'9", 165#, s/p, blue eyes, HIV-, NS, and a hot bottom wants dates for coffee, movies, concerts. Nice body, great chest with tits to be twisted. You: top, 25-45, good shape, HIV-, NS, who loves to kiss, cuddle and plow ass. Photo/phone to QS, 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114 or call ★★4224.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?
Attractive, callipygian, 29" waisted Asian desires slim or buffed GWMs to watch me model my huge undergarment collection (thongs, briefs, boxers, swimsuits, jockstraps, shorts, spandex). Help me into and out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. Hot, safe, erotic play (I'm also HIV-, deep-throated, anal passive). Plus if you model your undergarment collection for me. Not into dirty and/or women's underwear. Call ★★4225.

San Jose/San Francisco
Got a new job in San Jose, still remaining a part-time resident of San Francisco. Successful professional with handsome, youthful Asian/Latin features, athletic grace, affectionate temperament, sculptured muscular physique (like Michelangelo's David), boyish charm, capacity for intimacy, courage to be vulnerable, ability to recognize his own flaws—seeks attractive, physically and mentally fit man with courage to care, to love... How about building a future together in either city? Photo exchange desired (will return): 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114 or call ★★4226.

On Your Knees
Sort of guy sought by WM, 37, good-looking, HIV-, short, firm body. Your place. Some weekdays/evenings possible. No hassles. Prefer masculine Blacks, muscular Asians or extremely hairy (all over). Turn-ons are very bushy pits and crotch area and submissive types, HIV-, who want to please a nice guy who is always horny. No Greek action, lots of oral play only. Call ★★4227.

New To Bay Area?
If you recently moved here from New Zealand, Holland, Poland or Australia and are under 50, a man seeking another man as a good friend, then give me a call. I'm a hot, blue-eyed blond, tall, beefy build, healthy, seeking a super-nice man. I'm a lot of fun and hot sex. Call ★★4228.

Don't Miss the Feb. 19 Deadline

Muscle Worship
Bodybuilders flex those muscles and have your beautiful body worshipped and admired by talented cocksucker. You worked hard and deserve my personal attention. Satisfaction is guaranteed. For an audition and opportunity to sample my program, call ★★4229 or send photo and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Relationship Wanted
I like GL/GW/GA guys with stocky, muscular, football player builds, big pecs, big arms, smooth to moderately hairy, great personality, humorous, thick head of hair, employed, cut, HIV-, under 35, unpretentious, masculine, vers./dom., outgoing & good-looking. If this applies to you, read on. I'm a GWM, 33 y.o., 6'3", 195 lbs., 44" ch., 33" w., gorgeous muscular hairy body, thinning hair, great outgoing Southern personality/charm, prof. employed, independent, self-confident, good-looking & ... oh yeah, modest. I can be a bit kinky in bed (not real Greek but very oral). So if you're a great guy (like me) & are looking for a relationship, what are you waiting for? Pick up the phone & call! Call ★★4230.

Platonic Friendship
Wanted by tall, masculine, 63-yr-old GWM. Nonsmoker, HIV-, healthy, muscular, 6'2", 193#, BB. Seeks similar, any age. Emotional closeness through intimate sharing, hikes, concerts, travel. We are both fit, like spiritual and mental stimulation and we like to have fun. Call ★★4231.

The Best Of Both Worlds?
Would you like a partner who is stable, secure, masculine, professional person but also a very sensual, receptive and responsive bottom in bed? I'm a GWM, youthful 50, 5'10", 160, fit, fair, smooth and a nonsmoker/user. We are both HIV-, health-conscious, open-minded, emotionally available, very sexual and have broad interests and a lot going for us. Call ★★4232.

Scorpio WM, 36, HIV +
Sunday morning in my Cow Hollow flat, looking toward the End Up, listening to James Taylor and thinking about the time I was arrested in Sweden. My handsome, 6', 175# frame curled up in my Gap boxers, thinking about what we might do today: smoke a joint in bed... fight over who's the bottom... rent a movie... or best of all—sex on any beach, your head resting on my shoulder... saying I love you, baby, let's go home. Call ★★4233.

Dominant Male
Seeking submissive buddy for monogamous safe action including discipline, performance instruction, spanking, condomized penetration, eventual bondage and incandescent titplay. No brutality or raunch. You're tall, 30-50, HIV-, disease-free, nonsmoker, with a dark-haired, very lean, well-exercised, sensitive, hairy body. You have smarts, spunk and a desire both eager and sincere to serve a 5'10", 163#, 40s, good-looking, manly, well-built, hairy top who is intolerant of games, respectful of limits. Call ★★4234.

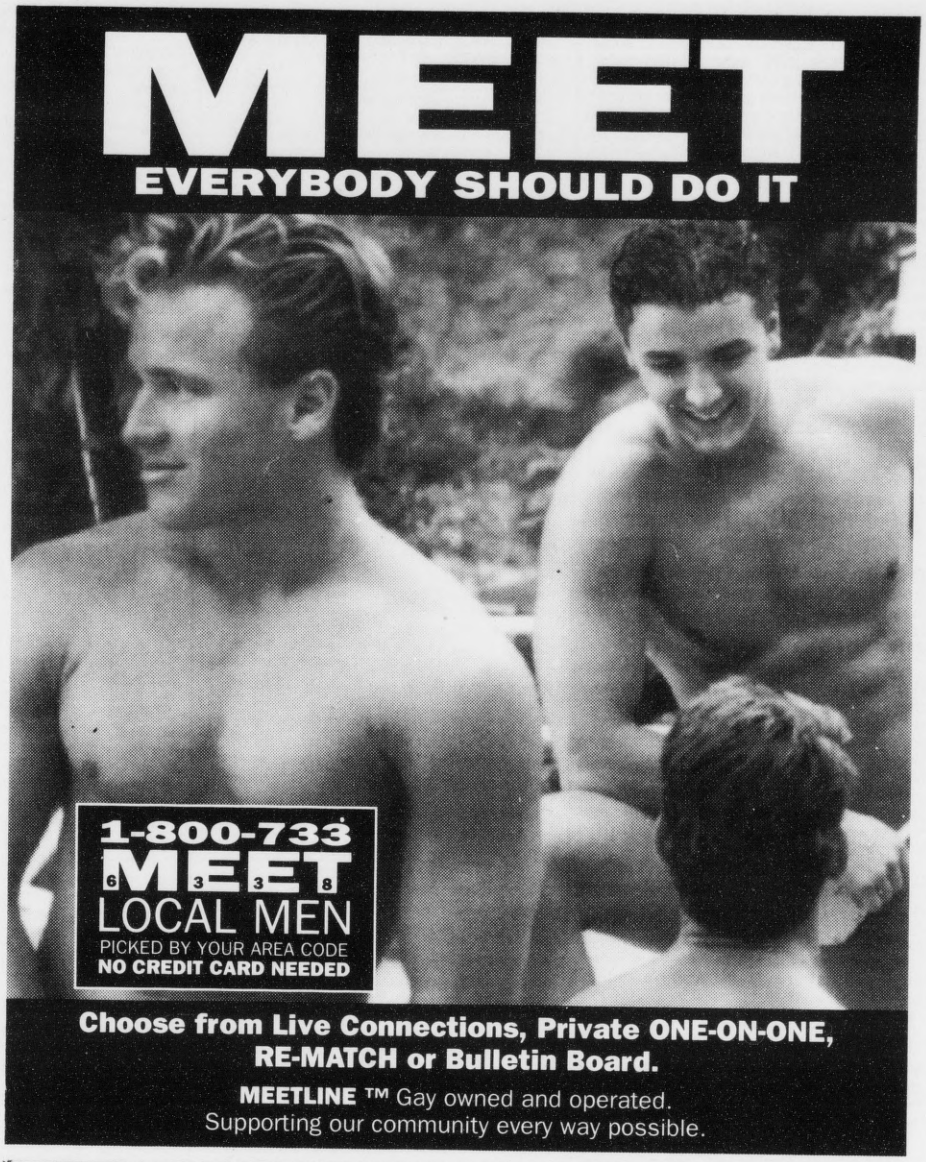
Kill Your Television
Meek inherits earth six feet deep. GWM 27 5'9" 140# HIV-. I enjoy eating out, sleeping in, skiing, live music, opera metal punk. I hate house rave techno mega gay clubs Madonna & Midler. I am into discipline & smooth guys. Seek similar twentyanythings seeking nurturing relationship. I am very hot, looking for guys who interest me beyond one night. Please be cute hot unique. Call ★★4235.

Burly Consort Needed
30 y.o. blond, 5'10", toned, slim, smooth, interested in: love, art and food seeks fun, muscular, outdoorsy guy—strapping and robust, yet articulate and gentle—30-45, possessing the following attributes: interest in art, literature and pop culture; intellect; hairy chest and thick weenie; outgoing personality; joy of life; ability to easily lift and carry me across the threshold. (Bonus points for hairy forearms, beard, s/p, uncut.) Call ★★4236.

Make Me Think Hard, Laugh Hard, Very Hard
Masculine, muscular, clean-cut, GWM, 29 y.o., 5'9", 160 lbs., br/hzl, work out, cleanshaven, HIV-, all-American guy. Good-looking, great legs, lightly furry pecs, very short balding hair (military looking), big smile, warm heart. Outgoing, energetic, abounding in contrasts and contradictions. Like cats, travel, buzz cuts, skiing, sex, New Order, Forster, Economist, boxers/T-shirt/jeans/workboots, tennis, imagination, working out, good food, and balance in life. Into honest, masculine, muscular, cleanshaven, short-haired, military-prep, "white bread" men, 25-31 y.o., HIV-, with a brain, a sense of humor, a heart, and a zest for life to date and see what happens. Reply PO Box 191226, SF 94119 or call ★★4237.

I Can't Make Love
To a statue. But I'd relish simple sensual affection with a good man who's built like one—a Greek one, that is. If you're genuine and very well-defined with moveable parts that respond well to gentle touch and warm kisses, you might consider mutual art appreciation. I'm good-looking, playful and built like a Jewish one—just imagine! Please call ★★4238.

Purloin Pleasure...
Swipe a kiss for Valentine's Day, steal a heart for always. Realistic, romantic, 33-year-old liberal leaning humanist offers true intimacy, passion, openness, honesty and possibilities. I'm 6'4" tall, 240 hefty lbs. of fun, don't smoke or do drugs, drink very little. I have hazel eyes, brown hair, a trim beard and I'm furry front and back. We can enjoy good laughs and some great friends, and



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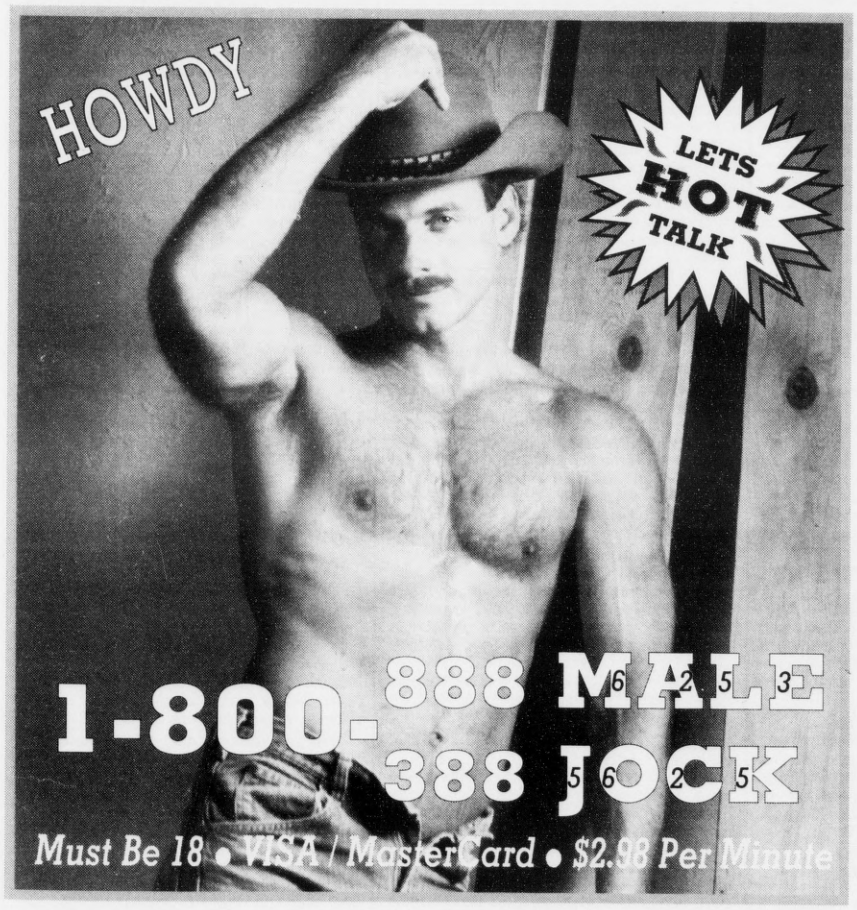

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playfulness balanced by dedication to social, political or career goals. I like movies (adventure, sci-fi, mystery, foreign, off-beat, documentaries), cooking at home (make great cheesecake), dining out, the aesthetics of many visual and graphic arts, playing with my Macintosh computer (yeah, I'm a digital queer), living/exploring in the City, PBS (science, nature, history), Joseph Campbell, reading, energetic walks, community involvement, cuddling at home after sitting in my hot tub. We share many interests in life, but each of us needs our own time and activities. You're loyal, proud, comfortable with who you are and where you are going, accepting of self and others, out, strong, self-reliant, gentle, honest. I'm usually attracted to 28-48-year-old men, great eyes, healthy skepticism (and hard muscles, esp. great biceps?). You enjoy kissing, being touched all over and you have nipples that need a lot of gentle attention. Please send letter with photo if possible (returned) to: Boxholder, Box 142, 1800 Market St., SF 94102.

Asian Connection

Attractive, well-built, masculine, straight-acting/appearing, clean-cut Asian American, 29, 5′10″, 170 lbs., seeks similar Asian/Asian American, 24-35 years old, for warm friendship or maybe more. Call ★★4239.

Like To Watch, Be Watched

Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5′5″, in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★4240.

After The Thin Man

Who's tall, dark-haired, hairy, HIV-, NS, light drinker, mature, honest, bright, down-to-earth, self-esteeming, knows he deserves a loving relationship and is willing to make time for one. Respond if you want a lean, fit, fair-haired, hairy, handsome GWM, 5′10″, 165#, HIV-, NS, an extremely youthful, vibrant 53 (look 45), honest, intelligent, manly, assertive writer/athlete who likes movies, cooking, hiking, working out, afterglow and quality time at home. Call ★★4241.

Hot Boy Wants A Hot Dad

Good-looking, 28 y.o. boy, 6′1″, 175, clean-cut, nice big 8″ cock, very oral, also loves to fuck. Self-supporting and emotionally centered. Ready to focus my energy and realize full potential. Looking for a daddy/mentor to loyally serve for the discipline, direction and guidance that builds self-esteem and is needed to succeed. Let's connect and talk. Call ★★4242.

Smile! You're On...

Videotape. You provide and keep the tape. I'll donate my skills—amateur but talented—and record your acts on video: solo, your GM partner(s) at a sex party, etc. It's fun! Call ★★4243.

Valentine's Day And Beyond

Demonstrative, playful and communicative, young 41, 5′10½″, 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy. I'm seeking an attentive, affectionate and sensitive, trim man with diverse interests for varying doses of romance. I have a healthy lifestyle (NS, natural foods), a good (sometimes crazy) sense of humor, am very oral. My interests include languages, city walks, current events, modern European culture. Call ★★4244.

Working For The Weekends!

26-yr-old GM, blk/brn, 6′, 180#, NS/ND, professional, athletic, good sense of humor, extrovert looking for similar to enjoy active weekends (tennis, movies, biking, mountains, beaches, Napa, dancing, theater, comedy) or quiet weekday evenings (dinner, cafes, good conversation). Recently relocated back to the Bay Area and would like to meet others for fun, friendship and potentially more. Call and let's talk! Call ★★4245.

Is There A Secret...

To finding "him" through the personals? I doubt it, but I'll have fun trying. GWM, 40, 6′, 165, deep blue/thin brown, HIV-, NS. Interests: hiking, community activism, food, language, swimming in the rain. Reportedly a good listener w/wry sense of humor. Seeking another boomer or post-boomer w/matching mental & physical energy. Friendship, exploration, clothes-removal possible. Reply (photos returned): PO Box 13315-111, Oakland 94661.

Daddy's Boy Student Wanted

Away from home you need a man who supports you with much affection. Intelligent companionship more important than sex. I am retired professional, need some help (garden), musician, NS, ND, HIV-, have grown children. You must be cute, bright, not fat, like to travel. Call ★★4246.

Asian Massage

Enjoy a soothing, quality, satisfying massage by a 32 y.o., well-built, healthy Asian, 5′10″, 158 lbs., certified in Swedish. No charge involved. Not interested in running a business, but love to give massage to a compatible, healthy, HIV-, traditional, clean-cut GWM. Will meet first, if mutually desire, then proceed on to massage when you call. Please include your age, height & weight. Call ★★4247.

Positive

Positive attitude, positive outlook, positive growth and positive HIV. But that's not all I'm about. Long hair, light-skinned, Latin, 35 yrs (look 30), 130 lbs., 5′6″, very romantic and sensual. Looking to date, romance, court HIV+ African-American men, 20-40. I'm open to, but not looking for, one-night stands. There must be someone out there who can escape from the bar scene for a few nights a week to cuddle on the couch in front of the TV, make passionate romance in front of the fireplace, to share 9 am Sunday service at MCC and to be willing to work at forming a lasting, intimate relationship. All responses will be acknowledged, letters first. Reply BT Box FB107A or call ★★4248.

Announcing

Support group for the very well-built. Even guys with great muscles need loving touch, a warm cuddle and heartfelt respect free from great performance expectations. Facilitator is handsomely equipped to follow his humble vocation. For a confidential intake interview, please call ★★4249.

Catullus Said It Best...

"Vivamus atque amemus." This well-traveled, multi-lingual 21 y.o. Renaissance man (6′2″, 215#, br/br) seeks his other half. Among my interests: anthropology, antiquity, art, music, politics, public service, ST:TNG and the theater. I think "The Greats" include Erasure, Homer, Moliere, Sappho, Virgil and Ms. Ciccone. I love to play tennis and volleyball, and while I'm no Adonis, I do work out. If you're fun, witty and attractive both inside and out, I'd like to hear from you. In the past, I've been attracted to tall, masculine (not "straight-acting") men, under 30. Intrigued? Call ★★4250.

Bohemian Rhapsody

Well thought, easygoing, anti-establishment, joyful guy, wears Birkenstocks and a beard. Passionate about the life of the body and the mind. Artistic Bohemian type with a strong interest in theater arts, science, new technologies and self-education. Would like to meet others with similar interests like Eastern astrology, hot springs and electric cars. Call ★★4251.

"Down-To-Earth"

GWM, 6′2″, dark hair and eyes. Moustache and hairy chest, handsome, husky and very straight-looking. Happy, successful and healthy HIV+. 40something. Easygoing, good humor, but dominant. Have many interests and always open to new ideas. Need a submissive, mellow, attractive, slim male who is seriously looking for a relationship. Must be willing to relocate to East Bay. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★4252.

East Bay "Catch"

Down-to-earth, sincere, optimistic guy with "good values," looking for Mr. Right, who is looking for me. I am 5′10″, 150#, bl/gr, good shape, 31, handsome, masculine, HIV+, doing great and intend to stay that way. Love the outdoors, biking, boating, sun-worshipping, traveling, music, romantic nights, candles, waking up next to someone special, dancing, laughing... Seeking another sincere, handsome, masculine "catch" with similar interests. Call ★★4253.

Men Come First

I'm your regular guy, confident, mature, sensitive, responsible, virile, made in Italy, 44, HIV-, short, dark, balding, hairy, very well-hung and uncut. Looking for men, hung big and hairy a plus, who want to explore hot/safe sex encounters. I like cock worship rituals, foreplay, J/O, oral sex among touching, cuddling, massage, shaving and good atmosphere. I respect limits. North Bay residents encouraged. Open to suggestions. Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★4254.

East Bay Ritualistic Phallic Worship

Midnight witching hour is the right time for uninhibited mutual exhibitionism/voyeurism, jerk off, dirty talk—loud & nasty, chanting & repetition with masculine, aggressive guy while drinking, smoking, indulging (share costs 50/50) at my place. Age, looks unimportant. Seeking guys into the above only—nothing more, nothing less. Don't read more into it than the ad states. Inexperienced OK, but desire to try it must be sincere, not silly curiosity! Call ★★4255.

Dyeing To Meet You!

Do blonds have more fun? Why not let me help you be a blond and see! I am turned on by blonds, especially dyed blonds and would be thrilled to help you re-do your look. I am 40, 5′7″, 150 lbs., and dark-haired—but I have fantasies. Let's share them. Go for the gold! Call ★★4256.

Bridge Over Troubled Water

How do you sum up your needs without sounding needy? How do you express what's on the inside? GWM, 40, gym built, masc., wants to have a cup of coffee with you: 25-45, masc., caring human being, gentle but strong—a bridge over troubled water; someone who might just understand. Call ★★4257.

Like Bill Clinton

In age, not looks. Look more like Dustin Hoffman. I want to settle down with a warm, witty, creative, huggable, stable man. Maybe even raise kids. I value kindness and a sense of humor. I like singing and acting, vegetarian cooking and passionate discussions. I'm 45, 5′7″, 150 lbs., light eyes, dark hair, HIV-. I tend to favor chunky, boyish-looking men, but personality is paramount. Call ★★4258.

Seeking Friend/Relationship!

I'm very attractive GAM, 31, 5′8″, 140#, and straight-acting. I enjoy outdoors (backpacking, surfing, skiing), dancing and workout. I'm interested in meeting good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoking guys. I value friendships and I'm easygoing. You won't be disappointed. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★4259.

Where Eagles Fly

Let's fly together, spread our wings, man-to-man. I love life—good, bad, rewards. I am lit. crazy, moody, funny, believe life is a great gift. I am 5′10″, 165, clean-cut, Black man, HIV+. I seek husky WM, 25-30, clean-cut, in-shape, who must enjoy running, camping, fitness; able to give and receive, man-to-man. If your wings are ready, let go. No games. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★4260.

Lake Merritt Area?

GWM, HIV-, late 30s, 6′, 250#, moustache, brown/green, seeks masculine men (race unimportant) to 50 to put me on my knees (safe only). Looking to make some friends, get sleazy sometimes, and have fun meeting men in the area. Just moved here. Nonsmoker, non-drinker, straight-looking and acting, kinky, open-minded, voyeur, exhibitionist, no anal; interests include computers, sci-fi, quiet nights. PO Box 421331, SF 94142 or call ★★4261.

Mr. Nice Guy Seeks Mr. Nasty Bottom

40 y.o. disguised as professional, s/p, br/bl, HIV-, 5′9″, 180#, smooth, uncut, moustache, seeks reformed juvenile delinquent with smooth tight bubble butt for routine recreational sex. Willing to be experimented on. Bonus points for good kisser. Optional: tattoos, boots, nipples. Call ★★4262.

Are You Tired Of Settling For Sex...

... When you really want physical intimacy? I'm open to anything from quietly cuddling and conversing in bed to playful wrestling with/without J/O. I'm bright, musical, humorous, compact build, bald, hairy body, GWM, 40, Jewish, HIV-. You're assertive, young-faced, medium build or heavier, full head of hair (queer cuts welcome), G/Bi/Q white/Asian/AmInd. Us: cleanshaven, no smoke/drink/drugs (light drinking okay). If friendship also develops, that's wonderful; but this is a physical intimacy ad. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★4263. (English/Cantonese.)

And You Make 3

If you have a hungry butt, a velvet mouth and desire simultaneous fulfillment from hot QWM, HIV-, 31-38, 10-year couple. Together we are 12′5″, 380#, NS, cleanshaven. With us you can have a rock hard 15″ inside of you, anywhere you'd like. We prefer under 6′, under 33, NS, cleanshaven. If you're serious about safe hot sex, let's share some intimacy and fulfill your 3-way fantasy. + for Asians and blonds. Reply BT Box FB108A or call ★★4264.

I Like Ass

This attractive GWM, 40, 6′5″, 200 lbs., top, is looking for nice buns to play with. I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees. You: attractive GWM, 18-35, with a hungry butt. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, better call now. Call ★★4265.

Asian/Latino Cocks

That require very dedicated oral servicing will get the attention of my warm, eager mouth! No reciprocation, just really great head from an attractive, fit & healthy, 48 y.o. WM. Just be willing to strip, lean back & tell me how you want it. I'll take care of it & even bring you off twice. I'm good & you should try me! Call ★★4266.

Queer Rocker Seeks Soulmate

32, 6′2″, 175 lbs., in-shape, fair-skinned, blue eyes, semi-long golden hair, goatee, HIV-. Looking for boyfriend with similar interests, mind, body: long dark hair and muscles a plus. Got a straight professional job but my focus is on songwriting, recording and forming a new homo-grunge-faggot-metal-retro-queer-biker alternative band. Love: nature, travel, sex. Hate: drugs, booze, cigarettes. You dig? Call ★★4267.

Long Hair, Shoulder Length Or More...

... Is what I seek. A nice body and a good heart, too, and I'm all yours! This happy, healthy, athletic, 6′, 165#, 7+ inches, reddish-blond crewcut top desires playful intimacy, safe sex and affectionate sleepovers. Experienced & open to the possibility of something long-term. My first lover had blond hair down to his yummy butt. How about you? Box 882872, SF 94188.

What's The Answer?

Ever wonder why an intelligent, genuinely nice guy like you, living in the beautiful Bay Area, spends so much time enjoying it... alone? You seem like ideal husband material. You're not pretentious. Actually, you're easy to talk with and have a great sense of humor. You're a nice-looking, masculine guy who's clean-cut/shaven. You're in good shape, but that's due to good genetics (or workouts?) You also avoid gay bars, drugs and tobacco. So, what's the problem? Could it be guys you meet either have one thing (or worse yet, nothing) on their minds? This HIV-GWM, 39, 5′8″, 155#, who has been described the same would like to hear from you. Reply BT Box FB109A or call ★★4268.

Young Dominant Top(s)

GWM, late 30s, muscular, seeks 1 or 2 younger, dominant, kinky dudes. Will do your bidding. If this might be your scene, let's talk. Into role-plays, bondage, scenes, nasty play. Imaginative scenes. Call ★★4269.

Is Sex A "Must" For You?

If yes, skip this ad. This Latin guy seeks Italian, Greek, French or other types of Latin guys for true friendship or more. Please be honest, drug-free, cleanshaven and, most of all, real, just like me. Extra points to average-looking and tall guys. White guys OK, too. Call ★★4270.

Young And Ambitious?

I'm a straight-looking, 48 y.o., 200#, 5′11″, HIV-, blue-eyed Berkeley man who would like to share his knowledge, experience and love with a younger man, maybe Latin or Asian, getting started in school or career. If an older, quiet, gentle, successful man who likes dinners, talks, movies, walks, dancing and mutual massage and who does not drink or smoke could be an asset in your life, write BT Box FB110A or call ★★4271.

Diversified I Am

Hi, I'm a GWM, 31 y.o., 6′, 175 lbs., with reddish brown hair and a nice smile. I love a variety of music, food, films, events and friends. I love the clubs, but would rather cuddle on the couch. I've heard that I'm good-looking. I prefer Latin and Asian men over 25 who are fit, attractive and fun. I live in Berkeley but frequent the City. Call ★★4272.

Like Rough Trade? Ex-Cons? Heavyset Men?

Gotta fantasy of forcing a redneck truckdriver or construction worker to his knees (maybe wearing your handcuffs and maybe not), putting your hands behind his head and fucking his face? Wanna feel those lips on your cockhairs, shove your balls down his throat? Wanna make him get you off anyplace you want? No recip. required. Safe only. PO Box 421331, SF 94142 or call ★★4273.

Jimmy Johnson Look-Alikes

Attractive, Mediterranean-appearing WM, 5′9″, 170, 40, brn/brn, hairy, HIV-, professional, creative, with multiple interests seeks Jimmy Johnson look-alike for relatively discreet friendship. You are husky, hairy, blue-eyed, and probably blond. Irish, Polish or ...? Open to anything from a committed relationship to weekly get-togethers for a sexual friendship. Tired of being on the sidelines and coaching? Let's play ball! Photo (returned) and letter to Boxholder, PO Box 20896, Oakland 94620.

Where's My Man?

Deaf GWM, 40 years young (look 30s), 6′, 146#, brown hair, blue eyes, masc., sweet, honest, humorous, good-natured and HIV-. Seeking gays/bis, Blacks/Latins, 21-45, masc., sweet, caring and affectionate for friendship and possibly relationship with honesty, heart and communication to spend some time with. A little affection really helps with life. If interested, please send me your letter with photo/phone to: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223 or call ★★4274.

Intimate Friend Wanted

I'm looking for someone whose inner beauty is equalled by his outward appearance (in a good way). Someone to caress, cuddle and kiss. Maybe more. Me: 29-11/12 y.o., 6′5″, 160# toned, HIV-, attractive, artistic, spiritual and more. You: gym-toned, manly, honest, with working class sensibilities. (Photogenic a+.) No smoke/no drugs. Call ★★4275.

Intimacy

I am seeking another man to build a healthy, happy life with. I prefer cleanshaven, all-American preppy GWMs, 18-35 years old. We are NS, ND, HIV- and monogamous. We desire someone to explore and celebrate life with. I am a good-looking, 25-year-old, newly independent GAM who possesses middle-class values. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box FB111A.

Non-Sequitur

GWM, 5′9″, 185#, handsome, masculine, hairy, short dark hair & beard. Extremely eclectic tastes in music (except country & jazz), art (pre-Raphaelite to performance), food (vegetarian & ethnic cuisine), and chronic movie lover (mainly foreign & "art" films). Light starch by day, jeans and flannels by night. I'm very laid-back and independent with a great sense of humor. All I ask is that you don't smoke and are a great kisser! Call ★★4277.

Friend/Lover Wanted

I'm looking for a friend/lover who is about my age, 45. You're GWM, I'm Asian. We're low-key; value home life more than running around; cuddly and romantic, sexually versatile, HIV-, honest, emotional and interdependent. Call me, leave a message... Call ★★4278.

Dominance And Romance

Masculine and handsome GWM, 44, 5′8″, 160, with lt brn hair, moustache and trim beard, who works out regularly, seeks a dominant leather top, comfortable both in the bedroom and out together. I enjoy hot, safe, aggressive sex, ranging from Fr to Gr to intense S/M. My goal is a monogamous relationship. Touching and sharing are vital. I have a wide range of interests incl. the outdoors, CW dancing, cultural events, and enjoying the home. I am HIV+ (very healthy and aware) but your status is unimportant. Prefer over 35, NS/ND, emotionally stable and pluses for beards and moustaches. Reply BT Box FB112A or call ★★4279.

So All The Good Ones Are Taken, Huh?

Yo, over here! I'm nice; I'm sensitive; I bathe. I can even be romantic with another nice guy (not too nice, though). I'm 28, intelligent, professional, good-looking and still haven't met a guy who can make me laugh, make me think and make my juices boil (well, not all at the same time). If your friends wonder why you've not met a great guy, tell 'em because you haven't called me yet. Then do it! Call ★★4280.

Tall, thin, (gym-toned), attractive GWM, blue eyes, red hair/beard, hairy chest, cut, HIV-, mid-40s, seeks cuddling, kissing, oral fun, maybe more, with sensual, moustachioed uncut male. Personality, not looks, size or HIV status, is important. Be lean or thin, honest, employed, substance free, light drinker. I love classical music, bookstores, ancient art, Italian food, hats, the wine country, walks, kitties, unspoiled uncut men. Write with returnable photo to BT Box FB113A or call ★★4281.

Wanna Get Laid?

Me: 32, 6′, 155 lbs., br/bl, GWM, in great shape (workout 5 days a week). You: GWM, 25-35, also in athletic condition and an accomplished kisser, who wants someone to fool around with from time to time, no commitments necessary, just good sex. HIV-, NS/ND, safe, no couch potatoes. Call and tell me your fantasies. Call ★★4282.

Where Are The Tall Japanese Guys?

This healthy, happy Californian with yasashi heart and trim, athletic body (6 foot, 165 pounds, 7+ inches, reddish-blond crewcut) desires affectionate friendship and playful, safe sex with Japanese or Japanese-American guys 5′10″ or taller. Fascinated by the tall guys I saw in Japan, I'd like to meet you. Nihongo obenkyoshimashitaga imawa wasurete imashita. Give me a try, I'm worth it! Box 882872, SF 94188-2872.

More Than Words

Handsome, 27, brooding, literate, sweet, masculine, queer, intense, passionate, nonconformist, photographer/painter/writer seeking compatible boyfriend(s) who pride themselves on their individuality without going to extremes, prefer quality to quantity and though cynical (jaded, even) allow their innocence to remain intact. Go on about yourself at length. Bonus points for: affection, dark hair, blue eyes, Midwesterners, artists, in-shape (not pumped up), sexually liberated bodies. Call ★★4283.

Erotic Exploration

Sought with other singles (in a small group situation) or a couple. Like me, you should be handsome, HIV-, non-sleazy, intelligent, sexually versatile, caring, interesting and fit. I am 27, 5′11″ and eager. Call ★★4284.

Criminal

Seeking very young, very handsome, very masculine man, preferably African American or Hispanic, to slap me around, tie me up, fuck me and steal my money. I'm 26, white, brown hair, attractive, 5′10″, lean, smooth, with seven inches. You be wild. Under 20 (18+) a bonus. Call ★★4285.

Black Brothers

Want a WM slave, pussy to satisfy you? Versatile, wow! Licks, sucks, laps, WS, kink, raunch. Make him know you're Black, he is white. Tease, order with racial v/a. Smoke, drink at his space. Turned on by crew socks, high tops, sweaty jockstrap. Is HIV-, 5′8″, 150, hairy. Take him to a party of "brothers." No phys. abuse, pain, ff, scat, needles. Hairy dudes also his trip. 40s, know the score. SF first, or travelers. 1 mo. to call, 2 mo. to write. You will be in sex heaven. Reply BT Box FB114A or call ★★4286.

Working Stiff

Seeks same. Slim, trim gardener, 44, 6′2″, wants beefier, hairier guy for companionship, affectionate, versatile sex, possible co-evolutionary dynamic relationship. Mutual interests might include: yoga, hiking/camping, reading, food/wine/cooking, TV cuddling (Star Trek), buildings, psychology/religion (Jung-Buddhism-Berdache), continuing education, Valencia St., French, arts/crafts, intelligent conversation. Please be: relatively good-looking, masculine, HIV-, NS and have a sense of humor. Call ★★4287.

Love, Truth & Videotapes

Witty Spaniard invites immigrants to an enduring & endearing interchange of quality. This retired professional, 55, offers communication and closeness (amorous or platonic) to mature, high-minded foreigners. Interests: disclosing conversation, trading erotic videos, massage, orchids, robust humor & fun, the humanities, total intimacy and much more. R.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Muscular Buddies

Very muscular, attractive BiWM seeks well-built buddy. I'm 6′, 170#, 31, long-haired, killer smile, masculine, HIV-, adventurous, into hiking, workouts, camping, music, comedy, road trips, bud, swimming, surfing. Want buddy for ongoing fun times and great safe sex—not a "husband." You're muscular, HIV-, over 5′9″. Extra points: bi, outdoor type, long hair, North Bay. All replies with photos answered. Discretion guaranteed! Boxholder, PO Box 3443, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★4288.

Get Spanked

Like to give head and get spanked? 40-yr-old WM, dominant top will spank young white submissive butt. S. Marin/SF. Call ★★4289.

Flow

Are you a student of flow, sharp, well-educated, curious, complex, committed to self-exploration and growth, articulate, accomplished, self-sufficient, paradoxically modest? Maybe we could make an incredible couple—if the spark is there. I am a GWM, 33, 5′7″, 135#, br/br, handsome, clean-cut, smooth, NS, HIV-, out, live in SF. Most likely to be attracted to GWM or GAM, 25-33, 5′6″ to 6′, slim to medium build, boyishly cute, clean-cut, foreign. Must be NS, HIV-, out. I'm an engineer by training, into the Electronic Frontier, music (diverse), dancing (house/trance), audio, aikido, psychology. You? Letter & photo(s), returnable. Reply BT Box FB115A.

I'm Tall, Slender And Affectionate...

You are a cute, masculine, regular guy, 24-35. We both enjoy hiking, weekend trips, intimacy, are open to a monogamous relationship, HIV-, and nonsmokers. Sound promising? Then this somewhat shy, 33-year-old GWM, who is 6′2″, 175, with light brown hair, sexy blue eyes, short beard, with a slight preference for guys with blond/brown hair who aren't very hairy, wants to hear from you now! PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★4290.

Uncut European

Hot, sexy European, 28, 5′9″, 150#, 'stache, great body, 8″ uncut, vers. seeking GWMs in late-20s-early-30s, into mutual fucking, sucking, dildoes, WS, FF. Must be good-looking, have facial hair, well-hung, vers. Weight proportionate & masculine. Serious only. Relationship possible. Let's get serious! Call ★★4291.

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South Of The Border
GWM, 29, wants to meet Mexican males who are familiar with gay life in Mexico and Mexico City. Airline employee wants you to travel to Mexico with me at sharply reduced rate and show me gay life in Mexico. Prefer that you are 18-37, clean-cut and open to friendship or relationship. I am a student, 6', 185, brn/brn. Leave phone or address for further info. Call ★★4293.

Friend Or Relationship
I'm 6', 175 lbs., healthy, HIV + GWM, Greek bottom, affectionate, informed, NS, good sense of humor. Enjoy travel, museums, current events/politics (Cable 6/CNN), zoos, ethnic restaurants, coffee/conversation. Non-stereotype, non-clone—don't quite fit the gay scene but can't put my finger on it. Seldom cook (or dance). Experienced in grief and happiness. Race not an issue. PO Box 31205, SF 94131 or call ★★4294.

Available For Magic
55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, mid-40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box FB116A.

Marin Man
Masculine GWM, 35, 6', 175 lbs., seeking similar men for friendship/relationship. I'm honest, stable, HIV-, artistic and a bit shy. You should be 28-45, affectionate, down-to-earth, in-shape and enjoy the outdoors, arts, safe sex, movies and music. Redheads a plus. Send letter and photo: M.N., PO Box 26, Fairfax 94978-0026.

UC Berkeley (?) College Guy Wanted
You are secure in your sexual identity, but perhaps new to gay life. You are friendly, good-natured, intelligent and sincere. You are ambitious, career-oriented and "on track" toward business or a profession. You are independent by nature, but require a friend and companion to realize your desires. I am a UC Berkeley graduate student in the College of Engineering. I am cute, boyish-looking, cleanshaven, and of medium height. I am somewhat romantic, intellectual and intense, and have plenty of time to spend with the right guy. Reply BT Box FB117A or call ★★4295.

Safe, Sane & Single
Me: versatile, gdlk, GBM, 5'10", 195#, mid-30s, bodybuilder. You: gdlk, GWM/GLM/GAM w/ moustache and similar characteristics who desires real love and is more than willing to work at our relationship. No drugs, nonsmoker and leather-boys w/hard buns are a+ in my book. Let's meet soon. Send photo. Reply BT Box FB118A or call ★★4296.

Visions Of Fire
The two of you desire to live, breathe and dream a life beyond definition and imagination. We are here for each other to explore, to love, to challenge, to fuck, to talk, to laugh, to sweat, to learn together—from whispers to thunder. Let's get lost in exploration with days spent in ecstasy. This handsome 27-year-old, appreciative of mystery and luxury, is waiting to meet you. Call ★★4297.

Never Met A Man I Couldn't Swallow
But progressing beyond those physical delights is tough. Blond, 6', 165#, ready for a boyfriend. Like most all outdoors stuff—can you get me interested in movies? Please be HIV-, hung, handsome, sexually competent, nonsmoker/drinker/drugger, emotionally secure and have an interesting life (all like myself). Long hair, Latino, 20s/30s, big pluses. Photos/videos/details to Box 26042, SF 94126 or call ★★4298.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship
Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box FB119A or call ★★4299.

Can You Dig It?
Very good-looking QWM looking to meet my match. Highly creative artist/musician seeks cute, smooth guys under 30 into the arts, adventure, the unexpected, friendship, steamy romance & hot sex. All or some of the above. Me: br/br, 5'9", 145, HIV-, 32 (look younger). Redheads, jazz aficionados a plus. Call ★★4300.

Extra Special GWM Seeks GAM
Very handsome GWM, 5'9", 165, brn/grn, muscular CEO seeks extra-special GAM, under 30, who is a nonsmoker, for friendship and maybe more. We are humble, sincere, caring and intelligent. Call ★★4301.

Tall, Dark And Asian?
Handsome GWM, 33 (look younger), 5'8", 140, br/bl, great shape, clean-cut, HIV-, NS/ND, would like to meet you. I offer a warm and loving heart, a good sense of humor, keen intellect, honesty, spirituality and a myriad of life experiences. Please be relationship-oriented, healthy, gym-toned & financially secure. Thank you. Call ★★4302.

Seeking Tutor
Novice Latin 38 y.o., HIV-, 5'11", 150#, seeks affectionate, HIV- man, 35-50, into leather, S/M, for monogamous, safe action. You are intelligent, financially secure, good-looking, well-built, no-nonsense, intolerant of games, respectful of limits, easily able to instruct, command adoration, compliance and devotion. Call ★★4303.

Non-Bar Type?
Me too. Mature GWM, young at heart, masculine, straight-acting, affectionate but at times dominant too, seeks financially and emotionally stable friend or more, any race. I'm professional, healthy, 6 ft., 210 lbs., facial/body hair, balding. You're probably, but not necessarily, shorter, trimmer and smoother than I am. (Shy or inexperienced OK.) We're both nonsmokers/non-drug users, and drink little to not at all. We enjoy good music. Call ★★4304.

Boyfriends!
This oversexed, hung GWM, young 43, 5'6½", 140 lbs., HIV-, smooth and attractive wants you. Am honest, compassionate, liberal Democrat, Capricorn who loves to laugh and hot safe sex. Enjoys bowling, C/W, cooking, traveling, movies and football. You would be NS, HIV-, light or non-drinker who is 30-45, taller, hairy chest and easy-going. Send a descriptive letter or call. Reply BT Box FB120A or call ★★4305.

Non-Reciprocating Daddy
Is aggressive, no-nonsense master (49, HIV-, 5'10", 200); have had four live-in M/S relationships; clean and sober smoker in recovery. I'll non-reciprocate, dominate the submissive likes of you: docile daddy's boy, 29-69; naked cock-slave skilled at prolonged blowjobs; tamed servant to entertain daddy's friends, perform other household chores; dog-leashed companion at social leather functions, S/M dungeon parties (M.A.S.T., The 15, M/S auctions, Bear Hug, title contests). Call ★★4306.

Seeking Friendship
Attractive, slim, friendly GAM wants to meet other GWMs for friendship. Interests: symphony, ballet, opera, PBS television, reading, good conversation, C/W music, dining out. Prefer nonsmokers, light/non-drinkers. Call ★★4307.

Sincere Asian-Filipino
Friend/comrade wanted by GJM, 6'3", 175 lbs., near 50, balding gray-brown hair. I'm an easy-going romantic who likes classical & folk music, art, ballet, beach hikes and lying in someone's embrace. You share some or all of these desires, are smooth-skinned, firm-bodied, care for an older guy and live in Frisco or Peninsula. If so, give me a call. Call ★★4308.

+ Seeks Smooth Sexy +
Handsome, masculine, blond/blue, hairy, Swedish/Italian, in-shape, 5'7", 145 lbs., healthy, asymptomatic. Likes: good cheap fun times, occas. late night partying + ?, affordable traveling, hot days, hotter sweaty bodies w/smooth skin to slide up against (& lick!), dark features, sexy eyes, easy versatile manner, crazy, GA/L/BM, HIV +, (some) smarts/electricity/passion/intimacy. Dislikes: rules, selfishness, great expectations & demands, no resolve! Reply BT Box FB121A or call ★★4309.

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GBM, 5 ft., 115 lbs., dancer's build, smooth, hairless, muscular body, HIV +, 35-year-old, into reality not fantasies about who you and I are. Want friendship, trust and passion with a man. I love adventures, travel, sex with all kinds of men. I am passionate, sensitive and a very romantic,

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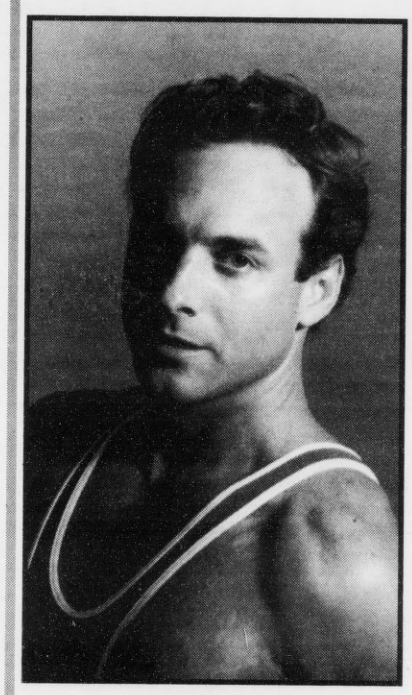
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By nice-looking GWM with yoga/swim-toned body, well-educated mind, and is 51 y.o., likes all of the arts, and fitness, and the outdoors. HIV+ (healthy) and wants to see the world with a friend (nonsmoker). Reply BT Box FB122A or call ★★4311.

Papa Bear Hunt

Hungry bear cub, 31, respectful, playful, looking for papa bear with warm personality and thick slab of meat. I am 5'9", 160 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, goatee, HIV-. I promise to work hard to make my bear dad groan and growl with pleasure. Write me at 2215-R Market St., #452, SF 94114 or call ★★4312.

Valentines And More?

Sweetheart of a guy looking for affectionate men interested in dating our way into love. I'm a good-looking, bright GWM, 38, many interests including arts, politics, spirituality. Seeking nonsmokers who have a sense of humor and good self-esteem. Let's get together over a pizza or popcorn and share our dreams. Hawaiian honeymoon anyone? Reply with photo, friendly letter (what's to lose—go for it!): Boxholder, 584 Castro St., #308, SF 94114 or call ★★4313.

For Us And The Rest

GWM, 31, 5'9", 155 lbs., graduate student seeks coupledom interested in the welfare of more than just its own two members. Looking for good-hearted, smart, open-minded, honest, attitude-free, sweet guy, 25ish-35ish, fit and HIV- (like me). All races and ethnicities welcome. Not interested in ideologues. Is romance for happily busy people? Maybe we can enjoy at least some of these things together: politics, volunteer work, intense debates, movies, music (especially classical, but also big band, CW, modern rock and hip hop—I'm a whirling dervish on the dance floor), gym work, bicycle rides, cooking for friends, reading newspapers and essays, churchgoing, hanging out in the wilderness, hot safe sex or ?. I'm fit, muscular and told I'm cute (but then, what are friends for?). Photos are nice, but much more important is that you tell me at least as much about you as I've told you about me. Reply BT Box FB123A or call ★★4314.

There's a BGM, 25, in The City/ Who's thin and clever and oh-so-witty/ And looking for companionship, you see./ He's sincere and true/ And hopes you are too./ You're a nonsmoker? So's he!/ He loves Aretha, books, holding hands and Sade,/ Running, chatting and getting away,/ And Just Deserts, the park and his blackness./ Please refrain from calling/ If you're conceited or falling/ Apart at the seams, boring or tactless! Reply BT Box FB124A or call ★★4315.

Deaf Love Relationship

GWM, 43 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 170#, 5'8", nondrinker, never drugs, smoke cigarettes only, honest and affectionate. Enjoy cooking, camping; love football, especially 49ers; learning computer; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes. Seeking GWM, 35-45, hairy, honest, gentle, sincere, no drugs and light alcohol. If interested, please write me with photo: Boxholder, PO Box 3598, SF 94119. Photos will be returned.

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Black Men!!

It's taken some time, but I finally realize that my destiny lies completely with those who see what I see when they gaze into that mirror each morning: a son of forgotten kings, a proud son of slaves. I am 28, 6', athletic, well-educated, masculine, generally considered very attractive. Looking for another African American between 25-30, about 6', who's in good shape, is very masculine and respects his people. We can just go to ballgames, or start a newsletter, or maybe start a family. Boxholder, PO Box 881503, SF 94188 or call ★★4316.

The BMW 750

May just possibly be the ultimate driving machine. But what is important is the man in the driver's seat. He is distinguished, physically fit, confident, attractive, possesses a great deal of understated class, and is very special. In addition to being masculine, he is also professional, 40-48 yrs young, supportive, a romantic, a top, and yes monogamous. This very handsome, 5'9", 142 lbs., 30 yr. young, with smooth swimmer's build, GBM, also happens to be intelligent, healthy, asymptomatic positive, clean-cut, hot-blooded, cool-minded Scorpion with great potential and personality. I'm seeking a low-maintenance, long-term relationship with a natural father type disconnected from the mainstream. A few of my interests include aviation, cooking, sun & surf, education, golf, travel, environmental preservation, friends, home and quite possibly you. Our mutual values include honesty, trust, communication, monogamy, health and mutual support. Call for further details and experience the difference between an ordinary relationship and the ultimate one! Reply BT Box FB125A or call ★★4317.

Men Of Color

Wanted by a masculine, attractive, Latin guy, 25, 6'1", 180 lbs. I'm athletic, enjoy most outdoor activities, especially bike riding and hiking. I just found out that I am HIV+, but I won't let that slow me down! I need to meet young, very masculine guys for safe times. I'm mostly a bottom and can be very romantic. Don't be shy! M., PO Box 881503, SF 94188 or call ★★4318.

Let's Explore...

... Each other's questing, querying, quivering, queer minds and bodies, gradually, gently testing and pushing the limits of our experience. Want to travel the soul, the City and the greater universe with a man who's intelligent, communicative, passionate, masculine, playful, curious, adventuresome... statistically I'm 30, 6'5", 180, short hair, bushy 'stache. Subjectively, I'm all of the above and hot, too. Reply PO Box 14704, SF 94114 or call ★★4319.

Enchanted April...

But February wouldn't be too soon. Romantic, outdoorsy, open-minded, opera-loving, v. attractive, 6', 175#, easygoing, funny, late 20s, unconventional, love-to-laugh, 1990s kinda Asian guy. A night owl on the town could be as fantastic as an evening with some pasta and Nick at Night; it's who you're with that's important, right? Are you an equally no-bullshit, spontaneous kinda guy who might be sexually/intellectually/emotionally/physically compatible? Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Call ★★4320.

Seeking Surfer

Beach bum at heart seeks avid, experienced surfer. Teach me to surf while we enjoy an adventuresome, fun-filled romance. I am GWM, 28, 5'11", 160, great-looking, strong legs, love sex, smart, liberal mind, warm, professional. Also enjoy biking, hot tubs and relaxing getaways. You are similar mentally/physically, 25-33, HIV-, working man who lives for the weekend, willing to share your know-how and your heart. Call ★★4321.

Seeking Older Manly Professional Nordic Bear Type

I'd like to meet a spirited, intelligent, kind, cultured, nature-lover, healthy (non-smoker, non-heavy drinker) WM. Prefer silver/blond-haired, blue-eyed, cleanshaven, tall, hefty/brawny, business/professional types in their 50s. I'm 6'2", 180, in good shape, dark-haired, brown-eyed, 43. Let's enjoy nature (hiking, skiing, camping), live performances (opera, theater), films, books, good meals, moderate partying, and caring intimacy—including safe, passionate sex. Send recent photo. Reply BT Box FB126A or call ★★4322.

But Only If You Act Now

Fit, professional, handsome GWM, 37, 6', 160#, HIV-. I speak French, Polish and Spanish. I know what to do in the kitchen, at home plate, on a bicycle and behind a book. I have an alluring smile that responds to intelligence and wit... Call ★★4323.

Single And Available

This warm-hearted, witty, youthful, professional, Asian, 45, 5'9", is seeking to meet a similar, cleanshaven, physically active, gym-toned WM for friendship and possibly as a soulmate. Enjoy sports, "oldies but goodies" to new age music, camping, arts, travel, dancing and politics. Must have cultural awareness, wicked sense of humor and social civility. Call ★★4324.

Long-Haired Guys

Are my favorite! Especially if you're a reasonably attractive and fit, cleanshaven, easygoing, kind-hearted, 20s-40s, NS, emotionally secure kind of guy. So am I. Looking to meet a few new friends to trade hair care tips, and to explore and enjoy rural adventures and occasional urban artistic episodes. Midwestern-bred with European tastes, I enjoy similarities, yet respect individuality. Reply BT Box FB127A or call ★★4325.

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That's what Steve used to say.

KNOWLEDGE = POWER

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I remember all the excuses. "What difference will knowing make," "I couldn't handle being positive," or "As long as I'm not sick, leave well enough alone." But Steve did get sick. It happened real fast...he ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. I found out later it could have been prevented. Steve never made it out of the hospital and that scared me. So I made a choice to educate myself and once I did I realized that I needed to get tested. I came up positive so now I monitor my health through a local clinic and am actively taking care of myself.

Educate yourself before it's too late. Steve didn't have to die like that...nobody does anymore.

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